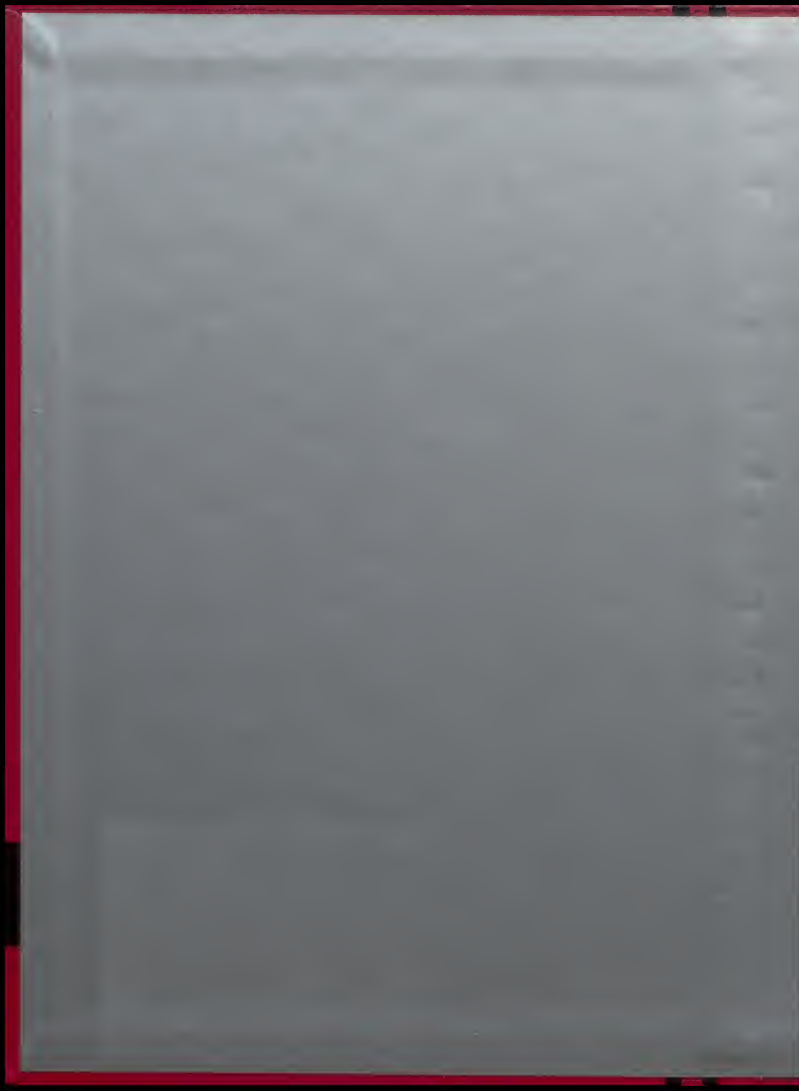


Lowell High School

2003 - 2004

RE *member*



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.2 million (Office of National Statistics 1999). The number of people aged 85 and over has increased by 0.5 million.

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop services to meet the needs of the ageing population. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for ageing, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the lives of older people and to ensure that they are able to live independently for as long as possible.

The strategy is based on three main principles: (1) to ensure that older people are able to live independently for as long as possible; (2) to ensure that older people are able to participate in the life of the community; and (3) to ensure that older people are able to live in the place of their choice.

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REmember

RElive

Hordes of students filed through the main doors of the high school on August 21, 2003. Most of these students were merely strangers with only one thing in common; they were about to embark on the most trying year of their lives. These would be the only students to experience the first full year of construction at Lowell High School. The students thus found themselves in quite a predicament. Should the year be spent lamenting over the painful construction period, or should it be spent relishing the environment of pods that has for so long been the staple of LHS? The conclusion that has been arrived at is this: remember. Commit these moments to memory because they will soon disappear. Remember the days when notes were passed over, or under, the dividers, and the days when it was possible to learn French and Algebra at the same time. Cherish those people whom you only spoke to in one class, in addition to those you were close with. Delve further into your memory and recall the days of middle school or elementary school when life was fun and carefree and then try to bring that element back into your life. The goal of the Lowell High School Lowellian Staff is to create a painstakingly accurate depiction of this year which will enable you to recall with ease the trials and joys of your adolescent years.



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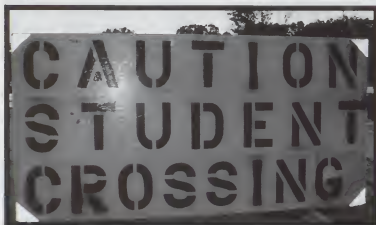
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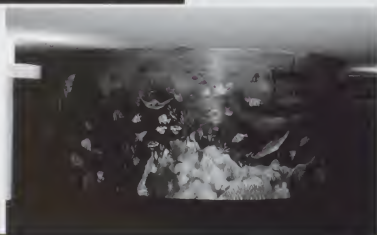
only the beginning



This year was the beginning of a major process to renovate our high school. Former "D-Pod" classes had to be relocated so a new cafeteria could be built in its place, the multipurpose gym was closed off so new offices could be built, the teachers lounge was relocated to the middle of the science labs and the little theater became the temporary setting for the cafeteria. These are just a few of the inside modifications that took place before school began. During the school year we were in the middle of construction while additions to the school were going on around us. These additions include a new field house, a tech wing and a new parking lot to the south of the school. At the end of the year, teachers scrambled to get their rooms packed and boxes labeled before they were hauled off to temporary storage over the summer months. These are all just the labor pains that will bring forth a beautiful new structure to house the students of LHS for many years to come. Best of all - it will have windows, walls & doors!



The former walk-way to the south entrance of the school



REnovate

REmodel

The last look at the infamous fish bowl



The new cafeteria will go here



Piles of dirt abound!



REconstruct

Preparing for the new field house



Working on the east entrance



REnew

A new south parking lot will be here

Summer Days

Staying up late and sleeping in...developing a great tan...making a permanent body indentation in your couch... these are signs that summer has arrived. Summer is 78 days to relax and unwind from a grueling year at school. It is a time to hang out with friends, to work, or to travel to far away places. It is a time to let go of responsibilities or perhaps, to take on new ones. The possibilities of summer are endless and the memories created will last forever.



1. A group of LHS students performed in *The Rise of Everyman* directed by 2001 alumni Steve Yeagley. LHS students included Nicki Vesper, Erin Aquino, Kim Clement, Josh Rowe, and Jordan Graegin. 2. Natalie Bruce and Brynn O'Keefe stand in front of the new Top Thrill Diagster rollercoaster at Cedar Point. 3. Mindy Hochmuth sits in the hand of the statue called "The Awakening" in Washington D.C. 4. A group of students hangout--Nole Schyler (2003), Leela Maury, Brooke Bell, Dan Holom, Katie Rumisek, and Beth Ferry.



Joe Hayes shows off his diving ability as he jumps into his pool.



REvitalize REplenish

Angie Kutanovski and Katie Rumisek enjoy some fine cuisine as they visit their favorite state, New Mexico.



Candice Martin and Lyndsie Vitolo experiment with facials.



REjuvenate REfreshing

Amanda Leonard and Lauryne Malino spend a day in Chicago.

● — molding a caREer



Dana Zarych, 12, Darbji Delano, 11, and Elizabeth Goff, 11, have fun when working at Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Danielle Equihua, 12, fills the ice cream machine at McDonalds.



Ashlee Blink, 10, puts away books at the Lowell Public Library

For some students at Lowell High School, life goes far beyond sitting in class, attending sporting events, and dancing the night away at prom. Some students break away from the typical high school extracurricular activities and take on a part time job. These students are not only making a difference in their school, but they are also making an impact on their small community. Whether the money they earn is used to pay for a new car, save up for college, or it is just used as extra spending money to have fun, the life lessons that the students will learn at these jobs will help prepare them for their future and the memories created will stay with them forever.



Anthony Osbourn, 10, is a cook at the local Aurelio's Pizza.



REward progRESS

Ashley Greene, 12, cleans off the tables at Schoops Restaurant.



Olivia Roney, 11, stocks the shelves at Alco.



REsponsibility choRE

Kelly McHugh, 11, and Amy Conn, 12, are two of the friendly high school faces seen at Wilco Foods.

fREshman FUNdamentals –

Freshman FUNdamentals, traditionally taking place partly on the LHS front lawn, was not only threatened by the construction and lack of space, but by a torrential downpour on that late-summer day. But the Senior Leaders refused to let over three months of planning and excitement go down the storm sewer with the rain that day. Less than 30 seconds of initial disappointment was followed by renewed spirit as the entire day was reconfigured in less than an hour. Moving all activities, including the renowned lunch catered by Mrs. Cusic and freshman parents, to the gym balconies turned out to be better than ever. Closer quarters meant more contact between freshman and seniors and way more enthusiasm, adding up to yet another year of Freshman FUNdamentals, a unique program born right here at LHS. Amongst the group chants and tie dyed shirts you'll find the classes of '04 and '07 coming together to create the kind of spirited atmosphere that drives Lowell High, all in the name of FUNdamentals.



.....learn the secrets of Lowell High School during a group presentation.



Nancy Aguilar



Jon Newton



Mackenzie Bales and Ashley Lukasik



Luke Reed

interREst fREshman

REnew REcreation

"The best way to pREdict the futuRE is to invent it."

-Alan Kay

Nic Perfetti sees something he likes.



Kate Sciackitano and Natalie Hanas fire up the Cookie Monsters during the Little Theater Yelling Contest.



Katie Cooper, Erin Aquino, and Natalina Oliverio help freshmen sign up for Academic teams after a group presentation on the kinds of clubs LHS offers.



John Huseman and Pig



Kate Sciackitano

shaRE REalize REact aWare

Hometown Pride ———●

Through the years Lowell has made many improvements: from new schools to new town halls. This year they added a little sparkle to our town. Brand new sidewalks, and light posts were added to our quaint downtown area. Our town has been the perfect setting for events such as the Labor Day Parade (one of the oldest running parades in the state) and the fall Octoberfest held the first full weekend in October.



REnown



REputation



REunion

Junior Miss 2004

Remember forever as shoo-bop sha whadda whadda yippidy boom da boom...and that is exactly what the 24 girls who participated in the *Grease* themed Junior Miss 2004 will do. The Junior Miss program offers the participants the chance to make new friends, experience new challenges and above all, have fun. The Junior Miss program is also a scholarship program that provides scholarships to very deserving high school girls. The girls endured six weeks of hard work in order to prepare for the September 6th show. They were judged on the following categories: fitness 15%, poise 15%, judge's interview 25%, talent 25%, and scholastic 20%. However, it was not all work and no play for the girls; they also participated in a hair and nails party, received makeovers from a Mary Kay consultant, went bowling, participated in a Be Your Best Self program with Girl Scouts, and hosted a sleep-over. Through the thrills and excitement of competition, the girls created memories and friendships that they will never forget.



The girls strike a pose



Mindy Hochmuth introduces herself at the show



Jen Lindemer and the rest of the girls do a twirl during poise



Jennifer Lenzo shows off her flexibility at the sleep over.



admIRE pictuRESque

Tina Arnold and Jessica Gray have a little too much fun at the make-up party.



Sarah Maloney laughs it up at the make-up party.



REfined bREAthtaking

Jessica Gray and Alysha Tomlins perform the visuals for the song "A Candle in the Window."

Winners of 2004 Junior Miss

Raffle Tickets

Toni Clapp
Amy Lee
Nicole Lee

Interview

Mary Erpelding
Angie Kutanovski
Alysha Tomlins

Fitness

Lauren Levin
Alysha Tomlins
Rachel Voss

Scholastic

Toni Clapp
Mindy Hochmuth
Alysha Tomlins

Talent

Jessica Gray
Nicole Lee
Katie Vanes

Fourth Runner Up

Rachel Voss

Third Runner Up

Toni Clapp

Second Runner Up

Katie Vanes

Poise

Mary Erpelding
Alysha Tomlins
Katie Vanes

First Runner Up

Mary Erpelding

Lowell's 2004 Junior Miss

Alysha Tomlins

What was your most memorable moment of Junior Miss?

When Jennifer Lenzo was de-pantsed, revealing the granny panties that she was wearing.

—Lauren Levin

When clumsy Rachel Voss wiped out during practice.

—Heather Stevens

The day of the parade because it was pouring rain and everyone was still having fun and no one cared what they looked like.

—Toni Clapp

The performance because all our hard work paid off. Also, I enjoyed the parade because I liked waving and all the smiling kids made me feel like a princess.

—Mindy Hochmuth



Winner of Lowell's 2004 Junior Miss, Alysha Tomlins



Junior Miss little sisters



Lyndis Vitolo at the Labor Day Parade.



REsplendent pREtty

Lauren Levin and Jennifer Lenzo are exhausted from their frame of bowling.



Bethany Drawbaugh and Angie Kutanovski get ready to perform their talents.



REd-hot dREss up

Mary Erpelding and Alysha Tomlins bear the rain and cold as they ride in the Labor Day Parade.

Stirrin' up the Spirit..



Daniel Lang



Daniel Lang, Chris Marzotto, Justin Henly, & Chris Garza giving the school a pep talk for the game.

We started off the week with the traditional Pajama Day on Monday. Super Hero Day, Flashback Day, Hillbilly Hick Day and Spirit Day all followed. With all the fall sports doing so well, the school's spirit was up. On Friday, School Spirit Day lead us into the Homecoming football game. We ended the night with a victorious win 53-6 over Hammond High.



Girls cheerin' at the pep rally.



Chad Chodakinsky & Sean Burton



Boomer Kerwin & Jamie Barker



Faculty pumping up the crowd.



Mary Erpelding, Ashley Boege, & Rachel Voss

fiRE Remove REheat

RED stREngth desiRE

Homecoming Game...



LHS Student Section



Asa Callaway



Gettin' ready for the next play



Kyle Metz



David Schoon &
Mary Erpelding



Brynn making sure
everything is okay.



Corey McKinney



Football players gettin'
ready to start the game.



Mary Erpelding, Alysha
Tomlins, & Austin Ham



Ashley Lukasic, Erin Kopka, Greg Johnson, & Rachel Martin



The football team watches as
Lowell dominates Hammond High.

REspect REinforce

REady REign

Homecoming Dance

This year's Homecoming Dance was a little different from years before. About 500 students, more than ever, travelled down the way to Three Creeks Elementary to dance the night away. The multipurpose room was gone and the gym was being reconstructed, leaving the dance committee with somewhat of a problem. Rumors were going around that we might not even have a dance, that it would be cancelled, but in the end it all worked out. The fact that there were more students than ever shows that school spirit has remained high through the construction.



Kelly McHugh



Monica Jezior & Mark Cisco



McKensy Wietbrock
& Jeff Celemans



Brian Batranea & date



Queen Mackenzie Bales
& King Dustin Manis



Rodney Cusic & Niki Eaton



Andy Newton & Toni Clapp

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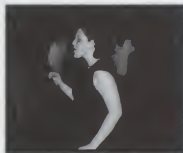
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Molly Novak, Sammy Thomas,
& Mike Mavrakys



Awww ... How cute!



Sam dancin' the night
away.



Gettin'
ready
to go.

Top Row: Kara Lamb , Tyler Overdoff, Jennifer Lenzo, Jason Corns, David
Erpelding, Liz Martin Bottom Row: Chris Marzotto, Mackenzie Bales, Dustin
Manis, Jackie Wojck, Katie Vanes, & Nate Oaf



Cheryl Warren leads
the Congo line.



Josh takin' a break

REalm RETire



Amanda Keck



Nick DeVries &
Kristin McLean

caRE fREe

REfreshing talent

What is Spoon River?

Spoon River Anthology is a collection of poems written by Edgar Lee Masters each written from a different Spoon River citizen's perspective. The haunting feature... these citizen's are all dead, telling their storys through poignant verse from the grave. With threads of factual and fictitious personalities woven together, Masters creates a chilling and honest perspective of what life was like in a rural Illinois town during the mid to late 1800s. While Spoon River is a town conjured up by Masters mind, the central Illinois Fulton County still holds festivals and tours of the scenic Spoon River Valley.



Of the charcters you played, who was your favorite?

"Luncinda Matlock, a 96 year-old woman. She had a very important message to give to the audience. She was one of seven characters that actually led a happy life. She wants everyone to live their lives and be happy for everything they have."

-E. Aquino



REaction

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cultuRE

autumn production: Spoon River Anthology



Often overlooked, the actors and actresses of Lowell High School possess true talent. Spoon River Anthology, a no-frills production, showcased the skill of those involved by stripping the bright lights and glittery sets down to a bare minimum. With no fancy costumes or pit band to back them up, the actors and actresses were left with nothing but a spotlight and an empty stage on which to play their part. Their passion for acting was felt by every member of the audience. Haunting, unpretentious, and wonderfully executed, Spoon River is perhaps the finest of Lowell's drama department, surpassing the typical musicals and big name productions of the past. Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, **"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail,"** the cast and crew of Spoon River Anthology did just that.



REsponse

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Winter Formal

Night Under the Stars

Dana Johnson, Rachel Martin, Amber Roberts and Ashley Bouge



Above: Tim Fugate and Bobby Ballas take a break from the dance floor

Right: Ashley Lukasik and Eric Raszewski dance "under that stars"

Far Right: Jessica Muirhead, Ricky Gorby, Mike Spears & Jennifer Thorton give their tired feet a break

The students always enjoy a break from their usual weekend routine to attend these two dances. This year the dances had to be held at Three Creeks Elementary because of the construction at the high school.



Melanie Smith, Jerry Jackson & Ashley Jones



dREss-up

Michelle Johnson



P.J. Hudak & Casey Saulsgiver



pictuRES

Katrina Lambert

● Sadies Hawkins Dance

Far Below: the girls show how
"low they can go"

Below: Jessie Norton & Alysha Kender

Around the World



Above Left: Jeannette Cherry,
Melissa Elieff, & Brandon
Seramur

Above: Josh Chermak & Zak
Voss in the center of the floor

Left: Boomer Kerwin, Jesse
Coomer, Mollie Ranstrom,
Leilani Mroczkowski, Nicole
Adam, Kristen Zubrick, Bobby
Ballas & Kim Clement lead
the line dance.



Nate Oaf



foREign

Nick Dmitrovich, Kim Clement,
& Amy Comstock



Lauren Sypulski & Mike Koza



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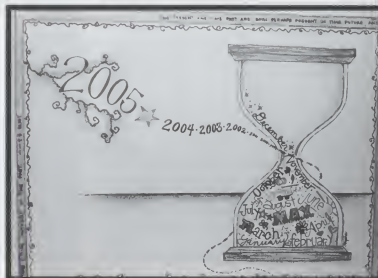
Chris Haugh & Mickey Oliverio

Fine Arts Week

Once a year the students in the fine arts classes get to showcase their talent by celebrating Fine Arts Week. The art work from the various classes are showcased in the commons and students and faculty vote on their favorite pieces in various categories. The week also hosts a student assembly where the band and choir can perform for the student body.

This clay replica of a rock band, by Darbi Delano, won Best Of Show.

Students display their talents through various art mediums. They were on display all week in the commons and received awards for a variety of accomplishments.



REveal talent



REwarding

Students perform for the rest of the student body during the fine arts assembly.



REhearse



expREssive

Student Life

cREating memories for a lifetime

Students will tell you that if it wasn't for their friends, they wouldn't want to come to school. The friendships we have and the memories we create while in high school are often memories for a lifetime. We remember who we sat next to in a particular class, we remember hanging out by our lockers waiting for that "special person" to walk by. We remember the joys and sorrows of growing up all while getting a quality education. This is the part of high school we remember best of all!



fRiEnds

Relationships

lockER bays



convERsation



Not Just an Act

Kyle Yung (Fagin) sings to the cast about pick-pocketing.

The spring musical was presented in true artistic form by the drama students in the production of "Oliver". The show ran for 4 days: March 25-28th with a nearly sold out crowd at each performance.

Stina Borst proved her acting ability as she played the part of a boy - Oliver, who is an orphan trying to learn the "ropes" on life.

Cast

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Stina Borst | Oliver |
| Erin Aquino | the Artful Dodger |
| Kyle Yung | Fagin |
| Kelly Blanford | Nancy |
| Mindy Hochmuth | Bet |
| Jordan Graegin | Bill Sykes |
| Daniel Lang | Mr. Brownlow |
| Roxann Poor | Widow Comey |
| Gary Kirk | Mr. Bumble |
| Josh Rowe | Mr. Sowerberry |
| Natalie Oliverio | Mrs. Sowerberry |
| Nicki Vesper | Charlotte |



Josh Rowe (Mr. Sowerberry) is contemplating if they want Oliver as a helper



Oliver is accepted to the group with Dodger as his new best friend



Erin Aquino strongly portrays her character of the Artful Dodger.



pREsent desiRE

Stina Borst plays the main role of Oliver.



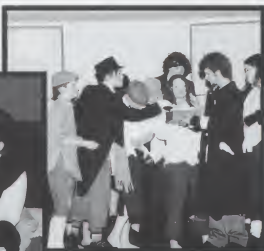
Mindy Hochmuth (Bet) sings to Stina Borst (Oliver).



REsourceful REveal

Portraying one of her many roles, Natalina Oliverio sells roses.

Daniel Lang (Mr. Brownlow) talks to the Dr. about Oliver's condition



The cast shares their pick-pocketing loot.



Fagin contemplates leaving thievery and starting a new life

Orphans
Traci Hochmuth
Allison Snyder
Betsy Plant
Micheline Oliverio
Alexis Rockway
Natalie Collom
Danielle Hisaw
Samantha Hall
Samantha Zilai
John Nilles

Bar Patrons
Andy Newton
Scott Parente
Ben Jamrock
Nicole Alonso



What is the most nerve-racking part about performing in a play?

With each performance, there is ALWAYS at least one major problem, and the night before you open, you think that everything that you have worked so hard for will fall apart. However, when you step onto stage as your character, which is unaware of anything except his/her role, you are calm, collected, and thrilled.

—Kelly Blandford

The most nerve-racking aspect of each performance is while the show is going on. Cues are difficult—you don't want to come on too early and interrupt or too late and leave dead air or forget your major props. Something always goes wrong; it just depends on how you do it.

—Nicki Vesper

I get most nervous right before I go on stage. Every time is live and you only have one shot for each audience to deliver your lines and show your talent.

—Natalina Oliverio

The most nerve-racking part about performing in a play is probably the moment right before you come on stage in front of 200 people.

—Erin Aquino



Roxann Poor (Widow Corney) shares the stage with Danielle Hisaw (Old Sally).



pREtend dREam

Jordan Graegin (Bill Sykes) introduces himself



"It's a Fine Life" (though you get pick-pocketed")



cREative picture

Gary Kirk (Mr. Bumble) hits on Roxann Poor (Widow Corney)

Prom: Once Upon a Time

Once upon a time in a castle filled with llamas and peacocks, two-hundred and seventy juniors and seniors enjoyed the fairy tale evening held at Meyers Castle. After an Argentinian feast, students danced until the last song was played. Our proudly crowned King Daniel Lang, and our beautiful Queen Jamie Tausch, set the night for a royal evening.

Right: King Daniel Lang & Queen Jamie Tausch



Below: Dustin Manis, Mike Miller, Rodney Cusic, Scott Schultz, and Myles & Dean Basso The IHP

Amanda Keck, Megan Muth & Kim Oller



Martin Melin

dREAMs



Nicole Lee Smiling for the camera



Christina Swisher & Erinn Kopka

REnaissance

"Dumb & Dumber" with
Mrs. Andrews

Far below: Students dance all night

Below: Ashley Lukasik & Luke Reed



Below: Mary Taylor, Desi Frigo,
Kate Sciacitano, Natalie Hanas, &
Mary Erpelding



Below right: Mike Stoner &
Sarah Maloney



Everybody Limbo!



Brynn O'Keefe

bREathtaking



Ashley Greene & Jessica
Longhi



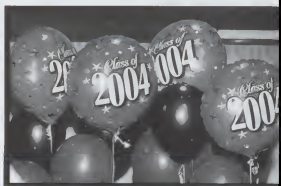
Tasha Aguilar

impREssive

Graduation

Embarking on a new adventure

The bittersweet day has arrived. The one memory of high school few forget-Graduation! Students are relieved that this day has finally arrived. But what does it really mean? It means they are embarking on a new adventure. Whether that is more schooling or a job, students are free to choose what they want it to be. No matter what it is though, most would agree that the years spent in formal education went really fast and now that they are ready to step out into the real world the memories of high school will never be forgotten.



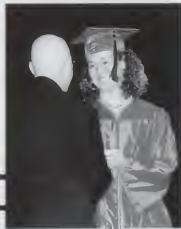
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REal world



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REminisce

To the Senior Class of LHS

Always remember the dreams you have in your heart right now and do whatever it takes to accomplish them. We leave you with this poem - to challenge and inspire you as you step out into the "real" world.

Follow Your Dreams

If while pursuing distant dreams
your bright hopes turn to gray,
don't wait for reassuring words
or hands to lead the way.

For seldom will you find a soul
with dreams the same as yours.
Not often will another help you
pass through untried doors.

If inner forces urge you
to take a course unknown,
be ready to go all the way,
Yes, all the way alone.

That's not to say you shouldn't
draw lessons from the best;
just don't depend on lauding words
to spur you on your quest.

Find confidence within your heart
and let it be your guide.
Strive ever harder toward your dreams
and they won't be denied.

CLASS



Alysya Tomlins, Luke Reed, Martin Melin

Kenny Franz



OF

Jessica Gray, Lyndsie
Vitolo, Toni Clapp,
Kristin Lamb, Jennifer
Lenzo, Jennie
Blandford



Sarah Maloney, Nicole Lee, Sara Cales



Nicole Johnson, Laura
Morache, Kristen
Hansen, Gena Ritsema



Caleb Ham

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Sheena
Adams



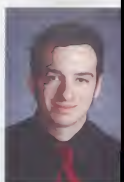
Kristen
Alberts



Mathew
Anderson



Christina
Arnold



Joseph
Bachan



Megan
Bachinski



Becky
Bailitz



Mackenzie
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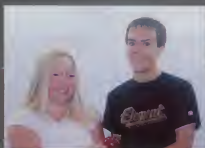


Cameron
Blunt



Most Unique Laugh
Dan Holom & Sara Beier

Teacher's Pet
Chris Rosevear &
Tina Arnold



Best Personality
Luke Reed &
Jackie Wojcik



Steven
Bohney



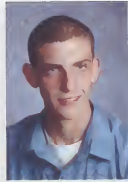
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Cardinaletti



Joshua
Chermak



Kyle
Christensen



Antonette
Clapp



Natasha
Clemens



Best Eyes
Mike Schaefer &
Ashley Palansky



Best Use Of
Closet Space
Corey Klidas &
Katie Vanes



Best Smile
Mike Miller &
Natalie Hanas

Biggest Case
Of Senioritis
Zach Stiener &
Holly Hanney



SENIORS ~ '04



Christina
Conley



Amber
Corey



Jason
Corns



Phebe
Crabb



Nathan
Cundiff



Richard
Davis



Sean
Davis



Nicholas
Dmitrovich



Henry
Doffin



Jenny
Dowling



Bethany
Drawbaugh



Christopher
Drazba



Garrett
Dunn



Allison
Ellis



Frank
Engen

Most Likely To Live In
Lowell Forever
John Huseman &
Ashley Lukasik



Most
Athletic
Justin
Henley &
Lisa
Schulfer

Most Likely To Succeed
Chris Rosevear &
Alysha Tomlins





Danielle
Equihua



Mary
Erpelding



Nicholas
Falcone



Christine
Fik



Shawna
Flatt



Megan
Flores



Shannon
Fluehr



Kenneth
Franz



Desiree
Frigo



Chris
Garza



Nicholas
Gaspar



Gregory
George



Kyle
Govert



Jordan
Graegin



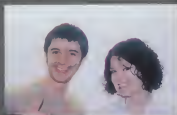
Jessica
Gray



Tallest
Don Haas &
Mary Taylor



Shortest
Korey Klidas
& Gena Ritsema



Most
Changed
Chris Plant &
Amanda Vassar



Least
Changed
Matt Bretzinger &
Jennie Blandford

SENIORS ~ '04



Ashley
Greene



Donald
Haas



Jacob
Haberlin



Natalie
Hanas



Holly
Hanney



Kristin
Hansen



Vince
Harding



Joseph
Hayes



Justin
Henley



Johanna
Hess



Justin
Hickel



Matthew
Hoch



Melinda
Hochmuth



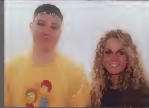
Shana
Holder



Adam
Holley



Biggest Flirt
Chris Garza &
Desi Frigo

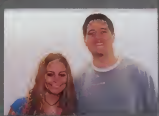


Most Creative
Mike Schaefer &
Jennie Blandford

Most Likely To
Paint The Town
Red & Black
Luke Reed &
Jackie Wojcik

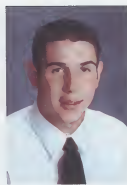


Most Likely To
Get Kicked
Out Of College
Zach Stiner &
Jenny Dowling





John
Huseman



James
Jeffries



Gregory
Johnson



Nicole
Johnson



Lindsay
Jones



Meaghan
Jung



Sean
Kasparian



Damon
Kersey



Brandon
Kincaid



Jacqueline
Kirkland



Grace
Klein



Korey
Klidas



Erinn
Kopka



Adam
Krol



Angie
Kutanovski



Ryan Leoni

Best Car



Dustin Manis

Worst Car



Jen Meyers



Rachel Voss

Most Enthusiastic
Luke Reed &
Jackie Wojcik



SENIORS ~ '04



Holly
Kutemeier



Kristin
Lamb



Katrina
Lambert



Daniel
Lang



Jacquelyn
Lau



Amy
Lee



Nicole
Lee



Angela
Legg



Jennifer
Lenzo



Ryan
Leoni



Lauren
Levin



Mike
Lewandowski



Jennifer
Lindemer



Jessica
Longhi



Anthony
Lopez



Loudest
Luke Reed &
Lauren Levin



Odd Couple
Jimmy Jeffries &
Christina Swisher



Quietest
Mike Patterson &
Kristina Bougie



Cutest Couple
Chris Marzotto &
Mackenzie Bales





Ashley
Lukasik



Ryan
Lunsford



Sarah
Maloney



Michael
Mamouzellos



Dustin
Manis



Candace
Martin



Heather
Martin



Sarah Ann
Martin



Christopher
Marzotto



Heather
Maury



Robert
McLellan



Dolores
Medema



Martin
Melin



Jennifer
Meyers



Kevin
Michiels



Next "Tom Green"
Caleb Ham & Ashley
Greene



Most Fun
Dan Holom &
Laura Morache

Everybody's
Best Friend
Dan Lang &
Jackie Wojcik



Class Clown
Dan Holom &
Stephanie Nasky



SENIORS ~ '04



Kyle
Midkiff



Michael
Miller Jr.



Craig
Mogan



Laura
Morache



Tiffany
Mueller



Megan
Muth



Stephanie
Nasky



Andrea
Nemeth



Jonathan
Newton



Megan
Norton



Mollie
Novak



Michael
O'Hare



Nathan
Oaf



Kimberly
Oller



Edward
Overdorf



Luke Reed, Rachel Voss, Lauren Levin,
Katie Vanes, and Alysha Tomlins as they
ride their bikes to school on the first day.

Beth Ferry, Gayle Schmelter, Erinn Kopka,
Mollie Novak, and Mary Erpelding working
hard at the fish fry.





Ashley
Palansky



Angelo
Pancini



Rebecca
Parilac



Matthew
Parker



Kevin
Parli



Megan
Peart



Drew
Petersen II



Navada
Pickett



Christopher
Plant



Roxann
Poor



Lance
Poppe



Heather
Propes



Christine
Quanstrom



Eric
Raszewski



Luke
Reed



Chris Valentine

Kristin Hansen, Joe Hayes, The Mullet, and Nicole Johnson on the last day of freshman year.



Sara Beier, Ashley Greene, Vince Harding, and Damon Kersey sportin' their pumpkin helmets at the Football Sectionals game at Munster on Halloween.

SENIORS ~ '04



Steven
Reginier



Elyse
Rigby



Gena
Ritsema



Edmond
Robinson



Christopher
Rosevear



Casey
Rosner



John
Rozewicki



Katie
Rumisek



Elysa
Rust



Michael
Schaefer



Heidi
Schantz



Christine
Schemelter



Gayle
Schmelter



Joshua
Schmidt



David
Schoon



2004 SENIORS ROCK!
Class of 2004 Senior girls show
their spirit at the Homecoming Pep
Rally.

Gena Ritsema watching
the boys soccer team at
practice.



Dan Lang and Kate Sciackitano
having fun at a dance.



*Lisa
Schulfer*



*Kate
Sciackitano*



*Brandon
Seramur*



*Jacob
Sewell*



*Nicholas
Shavey*



*Claudia
Smith*



*Kyle
Smith*



*Kyle
Spicer*



*Cassie
Stavros*



*Heather
Stevens*



*Eric
Stewart*



*Michael
Stoner*



*Kim
Stozkebrandt*



*Josh
Strickling*



*Daniel
Sutton*

Erinn Kopka and Kristen
Alberts after a refreshing
night's sleep.



Caleb
Ham,
showing his
approval of
his new
'do, and
Dan
Holom.



Chad Cholodinski and Matt
Bretzinger on their way to
Canada.

SENIORS ~ '04



Christina
Swisher



Daniel
Talaga



Jamee
Tausch



Julie Anna
Tausch



Douglas
Taylor



Mary
Taylor



Garrett
Thiel



Charles
Thompson



Anna
Tomko



Alysha
Tomlins



Laretta
Toomey



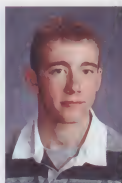
Christopher
Valentine



Kathryn
Vanes



Amanda
Vassar



Tom
Venditti



Cory Dahl

Jenny Dowling, Beth Ferry,
and Brooke Bell having a
good time on the
weekends.



Kristen Alberts and Rachel
Voss at Sadie's Junior year.



Lyndsie
Vitolo



Rachel
Voss



Daniel
Wade



Amy
Walstra



Jessica
Ward



Robert
Welch Jr.



Amber
Wendel



Amanda
White



McKensy
Weitbrock



Justin
Wiler



Kelly
Willis



Jackie
Woicik



Ashley
Wright



Kyle
Yung



Diane
Zack



The Flapper Girls: Nicole Lee, Kate Sciackitano, Desi Frigo, Natalie Hanas, Rachel Voss, Jennie Blandford, and Mary Taylor.

Toni Clapp and Luke Reed
makin' a statement at
Homecoming 2003.



Ashley Palansky, Holly Hanney,
and Nicole Lee enjoying their last
days at school together before
mid-term graduation.

SENIORS ~ '04



Dana
Zarych



Lauren
Zubrick

Not Pictured: Nancy Aguilar, Steven Benoit, Robert Blackford, Martin Cardenas, Amy Conn, Joshua Connell, Jake Cummins, Sean Fluehr, Dustyne Gales, Brandon Hartoonian, Ryne Hemm, Tim Kimmet, Justin Lamar, Brittany McGowan, Michael Patterson, Zachary Payton, Melissa Piskula, Corinne Ray, Ana Maria Reyes, Nicholas Saberniak, Brandy Schwamberger, Samantha Jo Simmons, Kimberly Starceвич, Zachary Stiener, Patrick Sullivan, Sarah Termini, Felipe Velez, John Wachowski, Amanda Watson, Bryan Woodrick, William Zuziak Jr.



Senior Leaders Lauren Levin, Rachel Voss, and Jennie Blandford led The Lampshades at Freshman FUNDamentals senior year.

Kristen Alberts, Bethany Drawbaugh, Erinn Kopka, and Christina Swisher take a break from cheering on the basketball team to pose for a picture.



Allison Ellis, Jessica Gray, Toni Clapp, Tina Arnold, Katie Vanes, and Jennifer Lenzo celebrating Katie's 18th birthday.

CLASS

Kim Braden



Tim Holsti



Natalie Perfetti

Heather Kutemeier

OF

Boomer
Kerwin &
Phillip
Barker



Allison Beckham,
Emily Martin,
Josh Rowe,
Rachel Martin, &
Heather Hillman



Nicki
Vesper



Vicky
Hathaway,
Jessica Neal,
& Michelle
Mentink

2005

JUNIORS ~ '05

Natasha Aguilar
Sameerah Ahmad
Kasey Anderson
Erin Aquino
Amy Arlen



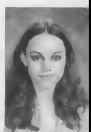
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Anastasia Baiel
Kristin Baker
Megan Baker



Robert Ballas
Phillip Barker
Rebecca Barker
Graham Baron
Greg Baron



Thomas Bassett
Dean Basso
Myles Basso
Andrew Batterson
Alyson Beckham



Ashley Beier
Michael Beier
Shannon Beier
Meagan Bennett
Jesse Black



Ryan Blanchard
Kelly Blandford
Timothy Blandford
Heather Bobbitt
Ashley Boege



Raymond Borchert
Jessica Bougie
Ashley Boyer
Kimberly Braden
Lauren Brandenburg





Stephanie Bresnahan
Natalie Bruce
Jennifer Bultema
Jonathan Castady
Jeanette Cherry
Larin Childress



Chad Cholodinski
Ashley Cicillian
Stephanie Cioni
Brian Clark
Kimberly Clement
Mary Coffinan



Amy Comstock
Jesse Coomer
Katie Cooper
Kevin Cross
Cory Curtis
Rodney Cusic



Robert Davis
Darby Delano
Amy Denton
Nicholas Devries
Marc Dewes
Kris Dodson



Gregory Dollinar
Stephanie Dunning
Lisa Early
Nikki Eaton
Julie Eberle
Vanessa Esenberg



Mary Favors
Robyn Finley
Kelly Flatt
Brad Fuchs
Timothy Fugate
Lacey Fulka



Nicole Garner
David Gerlach
David Gerner
Kevin Gilbert
James Gocal
Garth Goetz

JUNIORS ~ '05

Elizabeth Goff
Troy Govert
Donny Greenberg
Samantha Gullett
Jeffery Haberin



Gary Hanney
Cody Hannsz
Richard Hatch
Victoria Hathaway
Christopher Haugh



Eugene Hawkins
Robert Hayden
Mary Hayes
Heather Hillman
Shaun Hlad



Alec Hoernig
Elizabeth Hoffman
Ashley Hogancamp
Tim Holsti
Emily Hoyt



Rodman Hughes
Erik Johansen
Dana Johnson
Amanda Jung
Kevin Karagias



Steven Karagias
Amanda Keck
Rachael Keilman
James Kerwin, Jr.
Melissa Klahn



Atilano Klidas
Kyle Kraatz
Robert Kusbel
Heather Kutemeier
Matthew Kuzma





Brianna Lambert
 Brandon Laterneau
 Melanie Lentz
 Luke Lessig
 Nicole Lewandowski
 Alyssa Lukasiak



Randall Lukasiak
 Danny Malamatos
 Aaron Malone
 Garret Markovich
 Emily Martin
 Rachel Martin



Brandon McDonald
 Kelly McHugh
 Michael McKenna
 Corey McKinney
 Kristin McLean
 Michelle Mentink



Garret Mercer
 Sarah Meschede
 Christine Midkiff
 Andrew Miller
 Clayton Miller
 Carl Mink



Kate Mitsch
 Kyle Mitsch
 Timothy Mlynarczyk
 Kevin Morales
 Sarah Munjas
 Carl Murray



Mitchell Murrell
 Tania Nammari
 Jessica Neal
 Paul Neswick
 Beth Nicksch
 Kristopher O'Connell



Brynn O'Keefe
 Natalina Oliverio
 Jeremy Orange
 James Owens
 Jessica Panozzo
 Amanda Parker

JUNIORS ~ '05

Scott Parker
Ashlie Patz
Hannah Penman
Natalie Perfetti
April Perrin



Ryan Pickart
Matthew Ping
Joshua Piskula
Sophia Politakis
Vincent Ponziano



Ryan Potter
Erica Ramey
Kevin Richardson
Nathaniel Rivera
Amber Roberts



Christa Roberts
Olivia Roney
Jamie Rossi
Joshua Rowe
Kristy Saffa



Jeff Sandberg
Sarah Sanders
Chadwick Sandin
Daniel Sanger
Martin Schares



Amber Schmidt
Joe Schoonover
Scott Schulz
Sidney Schuttrow
Carl Scott



Ellisa Shavey
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Dustin Smith





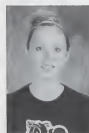
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Michelle Smith
Steven Smith
Robert Snow
Juan Sotelo



Jeff St Martin
Ashley Stephan
Dana Stewart
Nathan Stillson
Ryan Stojak
Wendy Strickhorn



Aimee Sunny
Robert Swiedals II
David Tanasijevich
William Tatge
Amanda Thompson
Daniel Thompson



Shay Travis
Michelle Tuttle
Chris Vandercar
Matt Vanderhere
Maxwell Vanrite
Nickole Vesper



Bailey Wagner
Cheryl Warren
Jamie Willhoite
Molly Winel
Karri Wolfe
Lezlee Wontorski



Thomas Woroszylo
Rachel Wyckoff
Jennifer Yeagley
Samantha Zilal

SOPHOMORES ~ '06

Mark Adams
Nathan Addleman
Warren Aitken, Jr.
Paul Arndt
Lauren Auguano



Courtney Austgen
Eric Babbs
Kathryn Bailey
Jaclyn Baker
Tiffanie Ball



Wayne Barnett
James Barron
Robert Becker, Jr.
Alissa Bedell
Samantha Bell



Phillip Benoit
James Berkey
Jessica Besay
Shelley Besterda
Justin Billingsley



Michelle Bixeman
Jessica Blandford
Ashlee Blink
Tara Blink
Kevin Bohney



Joseph Born II
Kristina Borst
Danielle Braden
Zachary Briggs
Wendy Broukal



Ashley Bukent
Valorie Bunkowist
Autumn Burbach
Brice Burge
Joseph Butchart





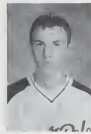
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Michelle Cohen
Natalie Collom



Billy Conley
Ashley Cosentino
Craig Cutler
Brandon Dahl
Corbin Daniluk
Russell Daugherty



Chris Davis
Travis DeLoach
Elizabeth Denton
Brandon Dewes
Jonathan Dickens
Jason Dodds



Brandon Dollinar
Amanda Domka
Kelly Dow
Michael Dowling
Jessica Drajin
Benjamin Drawbaugh



Scott Drazba
Steven Drinski
Lindsey Drugan
Courtney Dubord
Andrea Dunning
Melissa Elieff



David Erpelding
Rachel Escobedo
David Evans
Veronica Evans
Samantha Ewert
Whitney Famer

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Wesley Faught
Michael Felder
Jennifer Fetzko
Nicole Fletcher
Samantha Flores



John Florin
Nicole Ford
Jennifer Fox
Carly Fraser
Jerry Frederick



Sandra Gallegos
Kyle Gavelek
Shawna Gazzillo
Andrew Gearhart
Heather Gilbert



Christopher Gillespie
Breanne Glade
Jayme Glaze
Ryan Gluth
Christopher Gocal



Leanna Gonzales
Richard Gorby
Chad Grabinski
Scott Gray
Nicholas Green



Sonya Gregory
Samantha Hall
Amanda Hamilton
Austin Hamm
Brianna Harnish



Brenda Haskins
Norman Heabel
Sarah Hemby
Benjamin Hickel
Marc Hicks





Danielle Hisaw
Stan Holder
James Holom
David Hopper
Sarah Howard
Nicholas Hudacin



Paul Hudak
Gerald Hughes
Anthony Hurst
Joshua Iddings
Gerald Jackson
Justin Jackson



Joseph Jacobs
Adam Jensen
Monica Jezior
Brittany Johansen
Ashley Jones
Trevor Jones



Cristin Just
Elisabeth Kalvaitis
Jodie Kania
Trenton Keelen
Jacob Kenney
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Dillion Kersey
Joseph Kerwin
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Michael Koza



Eric Kozlowski
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Randall Layman



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Tonya Lewis
Gregory Liebbe
Ryan Lindemer
Kalley Loggins

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Nicole Lopez
Ryan Love
Lisa Luckey
Brittany Lump
Whitney Magley



Lauryne Malino
Anthony Martin III
Elizabeth Martin
Sarah Martin
Lenny Marx III



Jeremiah Mauk
Jessica McBroom
Jacquelyn McCrary
Eric McGee
Alyssa McInnis



Kyle Metz
Joe Mickey
Nathan Mills
John Morario
Jessica Muirhead



Steven Muvceski
Mark Nasky
Amber Nichols
Jessica Nichols
Stephenie Nichols



John Nilles
Ryssa Nord
Michael Norrick
Kevin O'Connor
Brian O'Leary



Andrew Ofcky
Anthony Osborn
Eric Overturf
Dylan Page
Justin Paine





Dominic Panagiotidis
Nicole Pancini
Myndee Pankey
Joyce Partyka
Sean Patterson
Hayley Peddy



Brian Petralia
Stephanie Petty
Krystol Pigg
Ashley Piskula
Micheal Ponziano
Marissa Poor



Tammy Powers
Kevin Propes
Anna Pyrtle
Katie Qualizza
Kerry Ramey
Billy Rankin



Rebecca Reyes
Michelle Rimmel
James Ritter
Steven Roberson
Kevin Ropp
Tony Rossi



Johnna Roth
Jesse Russell
Sydney Russell
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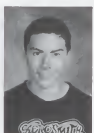
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Robert Taylor
Anthony Termini
Rachel Thiel
Samantha Thomas



Bradford Thompson
Jennifer Thornton
Jed Travis
William Troy
Caitlin Trusty



Alison Umflett
Rebecca Venditti
Michael Vicari III
Stephanie Villareal
Kristen Vincenzo





Zachary Voss
Jacob Walkowiak
Christopher White
Megan Wilbourn
Dana Williams
Nicholas Winnie



Joe Wojcik
Ben Wolfe-Perez
Tiffany Woroszylo
Amanda Yniguez
Michael Zack
Robert Ziese



Jason Zink
Frederick Zirzow, Jr.
Zachary Zolmer
Priscilla Zuchowski

Dillion Kersey & Kyle Metz



Jodie Kania & Julie Swisher



Monica Jezior



Rachel Theil, Michelle Cerros, Wendy Broukal,
Ashley Cosentino, Julie Swisher, Whitney Magley,
Jodie Kania, Jen Schiessle

In memory of...



Brenda Ann Haskins

June 2, 1987 - January 28, 2004



Precious Angel

I knew from the first time I met you,

We would be friends until the end.

We went to school together,

And you became my close friend.

When it came closer to our sophomore year,

We shared a lot of stuff.

Then I heard about the accident,

And I was praying it was a bluff.

I never thought this could happen,

To one of the people I care about so much.

But I have to face reality,

And I can still feel your touch.

Everyone misses your beautiful smile,

You had the most amazing blue eyes.

You made everyone so happy,

And none of these are lies.

You are a precious angel,

That is watching over everyone.

We are all going to miss you,

And all our memories and fun.

I'm just glad that you're peaceful now,

But it's not fair how you went.

We will always remember you,

And all the time we spent.

You're our precious angel,

That went away without a clue.

I just want you to know,

That we all miss and love you.

Breanne Glade

FRESHMAN ~ '07

Nicole Adams
Nicole Alonzo
Nicholas Amazzalorso
Jake Anderson
Nicklas Armstrong



Daniel Arnold
Stephanie Arnold
Chris Auguano
Ashley Baker
Christina Bakker



Jessica Barcus
Angela Baron
Jason Barron
Phoebe Bartolini
Nicholas Batcheller



Stephanie Blackford
Kate Blanchard
Allissa Blandford
Heather Blandford
Lauren Blandford



Eric Blount
Tiffany Boege
Richard Borchert
Jenny Borkowski
Mary Bradford



James Bradley, Jr.
Aaron Brennan
Tiffany Brewer
Chris Briggs
Kimberly Broukal



Alysha Brunner
Melissa Buche
Amanda Bult
Amber Burbach
Jeremy Buskill





Jonathan Cap
Kati Capps
Brittany Carroll
Ashley Caschetta
Erin Cataldi-Braun
Joseph Cermak



Kyle Childress
Brian Cielez
Samantha Connell
Aaron Corns
Cynthia Cortelloni
Sarah Crulcich



Tanya Daum
Stephanie Denhartog
Brandon Desomer
Caroline Devries
Erika Deyoung
Christine Dmitrovich



Patrick Donovan
Jenn Draper
Daniel Drexler
Jeffery Drinski
Eric Dubois
Daniel Dubowski



Travis Duncan
Dustin Dunham
Grant Eastling
Daniel Ehresman
Amanda Elliott
Jamie Elston



Robert Esenberg
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Christopher Fugate
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Brian Gerlach
Jeremy Gerner



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Lawrence Goff
Chris Good
Fallon Goodman
Matt Gorby



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John Gwinn
Christopher Haberlin
Robert Hafner
Devin Hannon



Kory Hannsz
Eddie Harber
Jonathan Harker
James Hathaway
Elizabeth Haugh



Katlyn Hedrick
Richard Heilman
Joshua Hembroff
Anthony Hesh
Traci Hochmuth



Zak Hofmann
Charlene Hofsteadter
Keith Holt
Brittany Huber
Kaitlin Hughes



Joseph Hulsey
Stephanie Hunter
Josh Hutchison
Chris Jacobson
Ben Jamrock





Ka'Tlyn Jensen
James Johnson
Kelly Johnson
Michelle Johnson
Amber Johnston
Ashley Jones



Christopher Kalizae
Mark Karagias
Matthew Kay
Brian Keathley
Nicholas Keilman
Alicia Kender



Brad Kerrick
Shannette King
Nathan Korth
James Kouris
Shayne Kozinski
Alyssa Kregel



Rachel Kronsell
Josh Kuiper
Danny Kunz
Lee Ann Kutemeier
Nick Kutschke
Jarid Lamar



Kara Lamb
Nicholas Lamber
Ryan Lee
Jason Leoni
Vincent Lesniewski
Adam Levin



Katie Long
Edward Lopez-Acosta
Lauren Lukasik
Michael Lumsdon
Alex Maldonado
Shawn Mallory



Stephanie Maloney
Will Mamouzellos
Ashley Mann
Kayla Marsee
Lynlee Martin
Amanda Mayes

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Matt McCoy
Kelly McDermott
Brittany McGee
Rebecca McGee
Krystalyn McKee



Haley McLean
Marc Meyers
Nicholas Miller
Grant Molden
Sarah Mooney



Kodee Morgan
Nichole Morgan
Stephanie Morningstar
Kyle Morrow
Leilani Mroczkowski



Stephanie Mueller
Patrick Mulloy
Jonathan Musgrave
Tanya Muvceski
Craig Nagel



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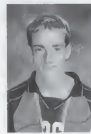


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Noelle Ostapkowicz





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Melissa Panozzo



Scott Parente
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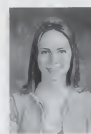
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Chelsey Rudzinski
Rhonda Rudzinski
Alexander Ruehl
Robert Ruley



Emily Runyon
Ryan Rust
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Stephanie Saffa
Casey Saulsgiver
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Katie Schultz
Janet Semrau
Blake Sencaj
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Robert Sharkey
Samantha Sharkey
Emily Shavey
Krystal Shumaker
Johnathon Simmons



Rachel Skamay
Amanda Sliepka
Alicia Smith
Melanie Smith
Stephan Smith



Allison Snyder
Aaron Spearson
Eric Stagl
Saundra Stamper
Michael Staniewicz



Shawn Staples
Stephen Starcevic
Rachel Stavros
Justin Stengel
Justin Stephan



Andrew Steuer
Kaylee Stinnett
Andrea Stive
Jonathan Stoner
Kristy Strickhorn



Nick Strickling
Kenneth Swart
Lauren Sypulski
Tiffany Tauber
Jason Tausch





Jack Taylor
Keena Thomas
Nicholas Traficanti
Adric Trusgnich
Matthew Turczy
Sarah Tustison



Nicolaas Vaandrager
Samantha Valadez
Kristyne Vanderaa
Sarah Vanprooyen
Nicole Vauter
Brent Verkler



Michelle Vesper
Tim Viers
Aaron Ward
Kristen Wasseroth
Sarajo Webber
George Weeden



Michael Weiand
Steven West
Kyle White
Cory Wielgos
Cameron Wietbrock
Kristina Williams



Cody Willis
Amber Wilson
Felicia Wilson
James Wilson
Ethan Winel
Katie Wolfe



Andrew Wolters
Kristina Wunderink
Stephan Yancey
Joshua Zagarena
Francisco Zelaya
David Ziller



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Kristen Zubrick

FACULTY ~ 03-04

John Anderson
Randy Bays
John Becker



Shelley Bilski
Joe Bliha
Lori Brown-Runyon



Chris Bulla
Shane Charpentier
Scott Coil



Sheri Coulis
Mary Cusic
Randy Deweese



Abigail Downey
Erin Fenner
Kevin Garling

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What's the most annoying thing students ask you throughout the year?

"I missed yesterday, did we do anything?" -
Mrs. Hurt

"Is this for points?" -Mrs. Peters

"Do we need our books today?" -Mrs. Iussig



Joe Gianotti
Rolando Gonzalez
Fred Grosick
Kent Hess



Greg Holdeman
Margaret Hurt
Megan Iussig
Lorene James



Craig Jones
Mike Kamanaroff
Kirk Kennedy
Andrew Killion



Rebecca Lake
Mark Line
Fran Lonardi
Barb Luevana



Mike Magley
Wendy Magley
Patti McCormack
Sue McQuiston

"Where's it at in the book?" (After I just showed them where it was)" -Mrs. Skurka

"Will this be on the test?" -Mrs. Ryser

"What do we need today?" -Mr. Gianotti

"Do we have to do this assignment?" -Mrs. Mikulich

FACULTY ~ 03-04

Kim McRae
Julie Mikulich
Brandon Moseley



Chuck Naumowich
Kathy Nelson
Mary Beth Opat



Sherry Peters
Mike Peterson
Becky Rodriquez

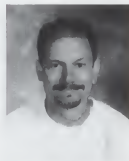


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Jill Rollins
Lori Ryser
Luke Schreiber



Blake Sheets
Marcia Skurka
Denise Smith

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What was your favorite moment of the 2003-2004 school year?

"Freshman 'FUN'damentals and when the Girls' Swim team got 3rd place at Conference." -Miss Vavrek

"The Decathalon Team winning at State." -Mr. Gianotti



Brad Stewart
Tom Sufana
Sue Thomas
Shane Tucker



Kristine VanHoose
Jennifer Vavrek
Pete Weiland
Heidi Wenk



Dave Wilson
Robert Wong
Mike Yedinak
Laura Zea



"Assorted antics of Kenny Franz in 1st Semester World Lit class." -Mrs. Iussig



"Packing my room." -Mr. Bays

"Having Mr. Moseley next door." -Mrs. Ryser

"When I was told by a student that we all have elbones and that they do indeed speak Spanish in Spain." -Mr. Moseley

Administration ~ 03-04 & Support Staff

Custodial Staff-

Dave Adamns
Tom Engels
Robin Haberlin



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Bonnie Lysek
Lou Meltzer
Paul Piazza



Bev Roof
Chuck Solomon



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Teacher Support-
Diana Forney
Dayle Lewis
Mary Ann Skaggs



If you could change one thing about LHS, pre-construction, what would it be?

“Walls.” -Mrs. Peters

“To have matching desks in each classroom.” -Mr. Gianotti

“To always have my room next to Mr. Hess, one day I WILL learn math.”
-Mr. Moseley



Ursula Andrews- *Principal*
 Don Bales - *Athletic Director*
 Mike Chelap - *Asst. Principal*
 Bob McRae - *Admin. Assistant*



Secretarial Staff-
 Barb Benecki
 Sue Cartwright
 Karla Denton
 Sandy Favors



Guidance-
 Susan Blubaugh
 Kirk McQuiston
 Marcie Nightingale
 Vicki Wedding



Support Staff -
 Carol Ammons - *Copy Room*
 Sandy Berg - *Library*
 Glenda Hoots - *A.V.*
 Theresa Kinach - *Technology*



Linda Pastuszak -*Bookkeeping*
 Chris McLain - *Nurse*

REadjust

In a construction zone atmosphere where roofs collapse, gas pipes rupture, and mold grows in the bathrooms, it's easy to forget that our purpose for being here is to learn. Students were forced to readjust to the foreign smells and sounds which filled the building for the better part of the term. Despite the trials and tribulations of Lowell High School's first year of construction, teachers and students both withstood the inconveniences involved for the greater good. The classroom environment was more or less the same, with the exception of the social studies classes which formerly resided in D-Pod. These classrooms were relocated to various places throughout the building and also in the newly added SC-1 (south commons), SC-2, and SC-3. Overall, the educational value of the 2003-2004 school year was much the same as all the years prior due to the measures taken by the teaching faculty to ensure this year ran smoothly. The adverse conditions did not hinder the addition of new educationally valuable activities to the curriculum. An interdepartmental activity brought the Law Enforcement class, the business law class, and the advanced science classes together to work on the first ever CSI (crime scene investigation) project. A crime was committed and the accused underwent interrogation, finger printing, and many other activities in order to discover the murderer. This activity allowed the students to truly exercise the knowledge that had been gathered throughout the year.

Working in a group is very beneficial to students. Groupwork helps students develop the interpersonal skills necessary to survive in the adult world.





Above: If a student intends to have a technologically motivated career, any of the computer classes offered at LHS are a necessity for one's schedule.

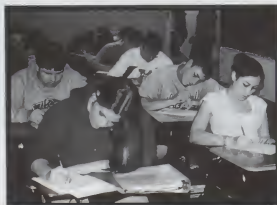
Left: Not all students respond to the same kind of learning, those who are right-sided thinkers tend to be more at ease in environments that allow them to exercise their creativity.

How Often do You Use a Calculator?

53% sometimes use one

42% always use their's

6% never use a calculator



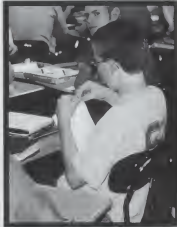
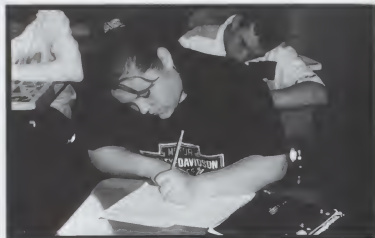
Far Above~ Jen Kwiatkowski focuses on her math in Miss Vavrek's class.

Above~ Mrs. James' students work very hard and try each problem.

Below~ Jenny Borkowski studies hard in Mrs. James' math class.

Far Below, Left~ Rodney Cusic helps fellow student Scott Schultz with his algebra in Mr. Hess' class.

Far Below, Right~ Dillion Kersey prepares to turn in an assignment in Miss Vavrek's algebra I class. Class projects are fun and help students remember equations and important numbers.



"When are we ever going to use this stuff?" Every math student says this at least once in their high school career. At Lowell High School, the teachers show the students why they learn each equation, formula, and procedure. Teachers take a hands on approach to teaching by having the students build bridges and find how high flag poles are. These teachers are Mr. Becker, Mr. Hess, Mrs. James, Mr. Magley, Miss Vavrek, and Mr. Weiland. Each teach students that "math is fun" in his or her own way. Teachers make songs or play games to remember things like π (3.141592654....) or sine cosine tangent (SOHCAHTOA).

Below~ Mr. Holdeman passes back papers in biology I honors class.

Far Below~ "The dripping was intense." Says Joe Kerwin, while he waits for the liquid to filter.



Below~ A student collects Total as the cereal he will test to see how much iron is in it.



Rats, rockets, and cereal. What is the thread that holds all of these things together? Science class, of course! This year, LHS students dissected rats, shot off rockets, and found how much iron is in cereal. In science, students learn how and why our world works as it does, like how plants use sunlight and why we weigh differently on the moon. Students are shown the path of science by Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bays, Mr. Bliha, Mr. Coil, Mr. Holdeman, Mr. Line, Mrs. McQuiston, and Mr. Peterson. Each guide students with their own uniqueness which science has perfected to a key.

What is the Best Thing About Experiments?

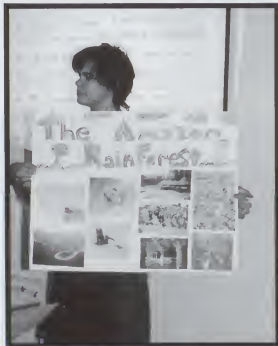
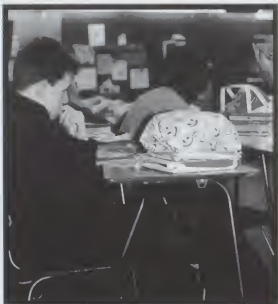
- 41% did not like experiments
- 24% liked the whole concept of doing experiments
- 14% liked working with chemicals
- 7% had fun
- "blowing things up"
- 6% enjoyed "setting Mr. Bliha's pen on fire"
- 4% said that collecting data was their favorite part
- 4% liked to watch the results



Far Above~ Mr. Bliha helps Andy Cleveland and Nicole Fletcher with the results of their experiment. This year, Mr. Bliha's classes got a chance to use science equipment from Valparaiso University to do experiments. This one was to test for iron in cereal.

Above~ Students got to use specialized science equipment to conduct their experiments. Here, a student dips a tester into a liquid, to see what it is composed of.

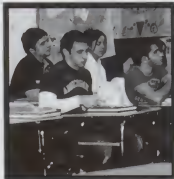
Below: Andy Miller is in Mrs. Lonardi's sociology class waiting for their next homework assignment.



Above: Jeremiah Mauk is explaining the posterboard for his report on the Amazon Rainforest for Geography 2.

Right: Luke Reed, Justin Henley, Danielle Equihua, and Korey Klidas in Economy class.

Far Right: Larin Childress and Dan Arnold present a report on the Tropical Rainforest.



England and Ireland. France and Rome. The United States and Russia. These are some of the places covered by Lowell High School's social studies classes. From the founding of Rome to the Civil Rights era, students will learn of many events throughout time. Students will learn of many places in the world today and of all their different features like land use and population.

**If you could go
anywhere in the world
where would you go?**

The top five answers were:

33% said they would go to Ireland.

24% would travel to Greece.

14% said they would go to England.

14% would go to Paris, France.

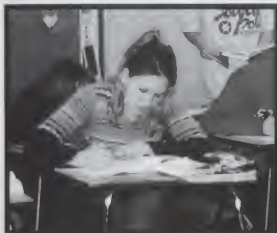
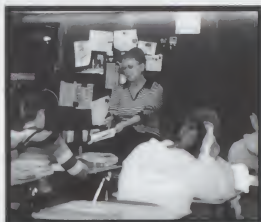
14% would travel to Rome, Italy.

The last one percent consisted of Iceland, Switzerland, Japan, the Caribbean, South Africa, and Tahiti.

English

"I'm taking as many English classes as I can next year, it's my favorite subject." Many students at Lowell High School also consider English as one of their favorite subjects. Teachers like Mrs. Cusic, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Gianotti, Mrs. Iussig, Mrs. Magley, Ms. Fenner, and Mr. Charpentier help their students as much as they can to have a better understanding of the subject. They teach students techniques to improve their writing skills, understand novels and poetry better, and even become authors of their own stories and poems.

Below: Mrs. Peters is explaining a worksheet to her A.P English Literature Class.



Above: Michelina Oliverio works on answering questions over the book she just read for her English class.

Left: Student teacher Mrs. Myers is instructing the students of Mrs. Iussig's English 10 Class about the group project they are working on about *Lord of the Flies*.

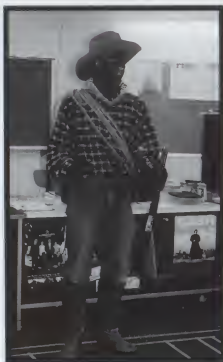
Top: Students in Ms. Fenner's class work on their homework for the day.

Bottom: Jennifer Bultema is filling out a worksheet in Mrs. Magley's English 11 class.

From castle blueprints to war plans, the humanities classes blend history and literature together in unique ways.

Mrs. Hurt and Mrs. Peters tag-teach Humanities I. Studying ancient civilizations and old world powers, Humanities I students learn about the people and places of the past by hands on interaction, like holding their own Olympics.

Humanities II students, taught by Mrs. Cusic and Mrs. Lonardi, learn about American history. They perform works like *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller and tell tall tales of western outlaws and heroes. Huey II students even try their hands at roping, cooking, and singing the old west way. Yeehaaa!



Far left~ Isn't that Nate Love? The famous African American cowboy? No, it's Tommy Woroszylo telling Love's story of roping cattle and sharp shooting. **Left~** Jamie Barker portrays a Chinese rail road worker talking about his days of expanding the railroad.

Below~ Samantha Zilai tells the story of William Clark. Can you see the prairie dog in her pouch?



Students show why drugs, P-Diddy, and slurpies do not mix in Humanities I.



Kristen Vincenzo helps two couples, Nicole Pancini & Sean Patterson and Whitney Magley & Andrew Schupp find their soul mates.



Fighting for their beloved's hearts, Sean Patterson and Andres Schupp duel to the death in Huey I.

Shakespeare

Below~Grace Klein recites a soliloquy by William Shakespeare. The bard would be proud!



Right~Nathan Cundiff tells the tale of how he cut off the head of his foe.



Right~Romeo professes his love for his Juliet just before he dies.



Below~Cook surprises her guests with dinner.



Have you
ever used a
typewriter?

78% said yes

19 % have not

2% didn't know what
a typewriter was

**"Romeo, Romeo, where for
art thou, Romeo?"** This line, from
William Shakespeare's play *Romeo and
Juliet*, is heard many times in the
Shakespeare class.

Students learn about the bard's
plays such as *Much Ado About Nothing*, *A
Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *Macbeth*,
from Mrs. Magley. The students complete
their semester by performing a part of a
play or by reciting a sonnet.

Later, they put on a Shakespearean
festival, with everything from food booths
to a pie throwing stand!

Taught by Mrs. Rodriguez, Lowell High School's choir classes sing songs and read music. They improve their vocal skills and focus on breathing and posture techniques, rhythm, and tone. The students sing both in class and in concerts performed for family, friends, and others in the community. There are five different divisions of choir based on age and talent. These include Premiere Distinction, Debutantes, Accents, Voice Male, and Chorale.



1. Daniel Lang singing "Let It Snow!" in the Winter Choral Concert with Accents.

2. Kristina Borst, Bobby Davis, and Nathan Oaf sing in the Winter Choral Concert.

3. Chorale (left to right): Front- Roxann Poor, Jamie Rossi, Heather Kutermeier, Stephanie Swart, Keri Steffy, and Ashlie Patz. Back- Mrs. Rodriguez, Daniel Lang, Samantha Gullett, Justin Kozlowski, Ryan Miller, and Danielle Hisaw. (Not Pictured- Robin Surber and Jessica Ward.)

4. Voice Male (left to right): Jon Stoner, James Hathaway, Trenton Keelen, Kyle White, Cameron Wietbrook, Matthew Kay, Mark Meyers, Scott Parente, Mark Hicks, and Alex Ruehl. (Not Pictured: Aaron Ward.)

5. Stephanie Maloney, Rachel Kronsell, Lauren Sypulski, Chelsey Rudzinski, Joey Siriani, Andrea Stive, Lynlee Martin, Michelle Johnson, Kristy Strickhorn, and Rachel Pelham sing with the other Debutantes in the Winter Choral Concert.

What is your favorite kind of music?

16% of the students polled said they liked alternative music.

21% of the students polled said they liked popular music.

3% of the students polled said they liked country.

37% of the students polled said they liked to listen to R&B.

13% of the students polled said they liked heavy metal.

10% of the students polled said they liked to listen to classical music.



Accents (left to right): Front- Lauren Auguano, Joyce Partyka, Samantha Zilai, Brittany Johansen, Sandra Schest, and Jessica Blandford. Back- Mrs. Rodriguez, Jessica Panazzo, Hannah Penman, Jennifer Meyers, Kathryn Bailey, and Beth Ann Niksch. (Not Pictured- Vericon Evans.)

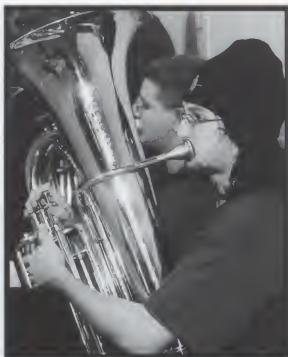
Premiere Distinction (left to right): Front- Kristen Vincenzo, Kristina Borst, Samantha Hall, Nicole Pancini, Katie Cooper, and Gena Ritsema. Second- Mrs. Rodriguez, Hayley Peddy, Natalina Oliverio, Jennifer Lenzo, Nicole Johnson, Rachel Voss, Jessica Gray, Kathryn Vanes, Toni Clapp, and Rachel Wyckoff. Third- Andrew Cleveland, Christopher Rosevear, Nicolas Perfetti, Christopher Fugate, Nathan Oaf, Chad Fedler, Andrew Steuer, Timothy Fugate, and Robert Ballas. Back- David Erpelding, Rodney Cusic, Mike Lewandowski, Ryan Lindemer, Shaun Hlad, Bradford Thompson, Joseph Kerwin, Matthew Hoch, and Robert Davis. (Not Pictured- Korey Klidas.)



Debutantes (left to right): First- Lauren Syplski, Rachel Kronsell, Lauren Blandford, Ashley Baker, Nicole Adams, Sarah Crulcich, Britney Partyka, and Sara Jo Webber. Second- Rachel Pelham, Cecelia Reyes, Cindy Cortelloni, Phoebe Bartolini, Stephanie Saffa, Elizabeth Haugh, Jennifer Fox, Ashley Mann, Samantha Sharkey, and Mrs. Rodriguez. Third- Chelsey Rudzinski, Krystal Shumaker, Tiffany Brewer, Kaitlin Hughes, Nicole Alonso, Heather Blandford, Mary Bradford, Michelina Oliverio, Elizabeth Plant, Charlene Hofsteadter, and Jennifer Schaefer. Fourth- Tanya Muvceski, Traci Hochmuth, Ashley Jones, Katlyn Hendrick, Christina Bakker, Alexis Rockway, Ashley Perry, Caroline DeVries, Samantha Connell, Alicia Smith, and Kristy Strickhorn. Fifth- Tiffany Tauber, Kate Blanchard, Andrea Stive, Sarah VanProoyen, Sarah Mooney, Amber Nichols, Kristen Wasserott, Joey Siriani, Kelly Johnson, and Kara Lamb. Back- Lee Ann Kutemeier, Alicia Kender, Melanie Smith, Haley McLean, Stephanie Hunter, Rachel Skamay, Michelle Johnson, Jennifer Sharkey, Kodee Morgan, Sarah Tustison, and Lynlee Martin. (Not Pictured- Amber Burbach, Sonya Gregory, Stephanie Maloney, Emily Novak, Jamee Tausch, and Julie Tausch.)

Right:
Dustin
Smith plays
the tuba
for a Girl's
Basketball
Game.

Below:
Shay
Travis,
Robyn
Finley, and
Brice
Burge play
for French
Club's
Mardi Gras
Party.



Above: Mr. Killion directs the National Anthem at the Girl's Basketball Game.

As members of Lowell High School's band, Mr. Killion's students play for both marching and concert band. They have the opportunities to play at our school's pep assemblies, sporting events, and contests like ISSMA. This year at the ISSMA Contest, Symphonic Band had a gold in their performance and silver in sight reading. The seniors also went to see the Phantom of the Opera.

What is your favorite part of band?

46% of those asked said they like playing drums.

23% said they like playing the guitar.

8% of the students polled said they like playing the saxophone.

8% said they like listening to the concerts.

8% just like the music.

8% said they like bass.



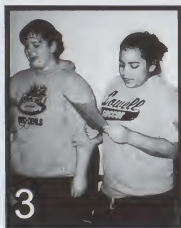
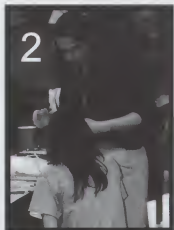
1. Boomer Kerwin plays the drums with Kyle Govert and Chris Haberlin.
2. Amber Corey plays the piccolo.
3. Leilani Mroczkowski marches and plays the flute at a football game.
4. Shane Borst plays the trumpet for marching band at a football game.
5. Jim Gocal, Jennifer Lindemer, and Stephanie Scieska play their clarinets.

Below: Third year students Nate Rivera and Tom Bassett work at the God's Eyes booth at Mercado.



study Spain and its culture, and prepare for Spanish in college. Both classes are taught by Señora Ryser.

¡Hola! ¿Cómo estás? Estoy bien. Gracias. Sound familiar? These are just a glimpse of things learned by students in the Spanish classes of Lowell High School. First and second year students, taught by Señora Mikulich and Señor Moseley, are exposed to many different verbs and phrases. Spanish III classes study Mexico and its culture. At the end of the year, they host Mercado, a Spanish marketplace, and bargain with the customers of LHS. Spanish IV students



For the summer of 2004, three LHS Foreign Language students will be taking the trip of a lifetime. Kim Clement, Katie Cooper, and Kate Mitsch (pictured above) will be travelling abroad to enhance their foreign language skills. They, along with several other students, took a preliminary test to determine their reading and listening skills in their language. The next step was an application process where they were evaluated by parents, teachers, and peers. They were then interviewed at Indiana University to test their speaking skills in English and in their language. Kim will be travelling to Brest, France. Katie and Kate will be travelling to San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Bon Voyage and Bien Venidos!

1. Nicole Lee and Kevin Partl sing a Christmas carol in spanish to Mrs. James' class.
2. Señora Ryser helps a student make an altar for Día de los Muertos in her Spanish III class.
3. Amy Conn and Megan Flores sing Christmas carols to classes to celebrate Las Posadas for Spanish IV.
4. One of the altars put together by students in Señor Moseley's Spanish I.

Salut! Ca va? Bien! Merci, beaucoup! Et vive la peste! This is what you would hear in the world of French. Madame Coulis instructs the different levels of French. Students learn about French history and geography, as well as fine French cuisine. Also, students learn French culture by hosting a restaurant celebrating French holidays, such as Le Poisson Jour, or Fish Day, for April Fool's day. Fêtes are also fun, especially when they have themes, like a fromage fête, or a cheese party. Bon Appetite!!!

Below: Maria Athanasopoulos speaks with Madame Coulis in French about the new class project.

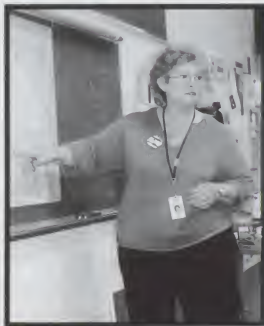


Why choose foreign language?

49% said they took Spanish
43% were taking French
8% were not in a foreign language class

Some students said they took Spanish because it will be useful in the future, it sounds pretty, and because they want to go to Mexico or Spain in the future.

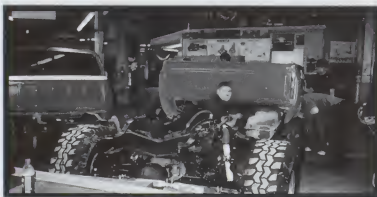
Students took French because it sounds beautiful to them, for future travels, and for a challenge in class. One student said she took French because she wished to communicate with her grandmother, who speaks French.



Above: French I students celebrate Mardi Gras with other students in their class.

Left: Madame O'Neill speaks to the French III students about life in Quebec, a French-speaking province of Canada, for National French Week.

"Mmm it's like a disease son/ I'm in love with my car (oh yeah) gotta feel for my automobile." This line from Queen's song, *I'm In Love With My Car*, sums up the auto department at LHS. Here, students learn how to repair and uphold automobiles. Mr. Bulla teaches the class and takes pride in his students. "The students in my classes really show their talents with the hands on." This year, the class will take the ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) test to become certified as repair and service professionals. This will boost the careers of everyone in the class. It is a great opportunity. Students also learn good work habits and ethics. The three hour auto shop class spent much of the year doing a full body off restoration on a 1985 Chevy truck. They converted it from a 2wd to a 4wd, painted the frame, replaced all worn parts & all metal lines, put a 6" suspension lift and a 2" body lift. They also replaced all brakes and steering, rebuilt the upper valve train in the engine and installed 36" tires and aluminum wheels.



Above~ The three hour auto shop class works very hard on restoring the 1985 Chevy owned by student Ed Robinson

Above Right ~ This is just one of the many cars the auto shop class worked on through out the year. Here it is raised up for easy access.

Right~ Safety first! Students Ed Robinson and Jennifer Bultema are checking out this automobile to make sure every thing is ok and ready to go. Besides learning how to fix cars, the students also learned how to keep cars safe for the road, and for the passengers.



Agriculture

Far Below~ Students look on as a butcher demonstrates how to cut meat.

Below~ Here, a butcher shows which pieces of meat to use and how to cut it.

Far Bottom Right~ Mr. Garling is ready to start the day with his agriculture classes.

Far Top Right~ Students learn the right and wrong way of cutting meat. It is important to learn which pieces of meat are useful..



Mistress Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?

With silver bells, and cockle shells, and pretty maids all in a row. Well, not exactly. At Lowell High School, the gardens are filled with soybeans and good old corn. Students in agriculture learn everything from how to plant seeds to how to arrange them and to how to care for farm animals. Mr. Garling teaches students the nature of plants for the farm. Students like agriculture because it gives them a chance to learn about a career that they might one day pursue. They get their hands dirty while they plant and grow different kinds of plants. All these students have a green thumb! This year a butcher came in and talked about how meat is cut and what pieces are used.

Below~ Tiffany Mueller is cleaning up at her job at Orthodontics Affiliates, Inc.



Below~ ICE student Amanda Vassar is showing off the fine line of beauty products at the House of Bianco where she works.



Below~ Brandon Hartoonian stops for a moment at his busy job at ProEdge to pose for a picture.



The Ice Class

Back~ Laura Morache, Brandy Schwamberger, Jessica Longhi, Amanda Vassar, Amy Walstra, Gayle Schmelter, Meaghan Jung, Miss Nelson.

Front~ Amanda Bright, Danielle Equihua, Tiffany Mueller, Amy Lee, Gena Ritsema, Kirstin Hansen. Not pictured: Matt Bretzinger and Brandon Hartoonian.

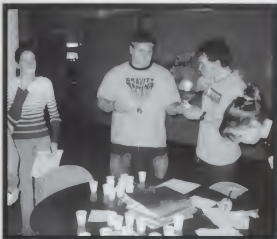


Above~ At Chris' Auto Repair, Matt Bretzinger takes his responsibilities very seriously.

**Wake up. Get dressed. Go to school.
Leave school at 11:45. Go to work.**

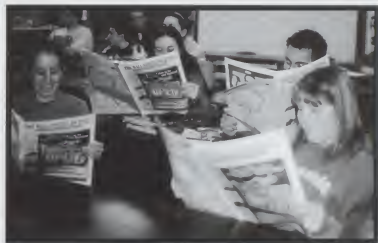
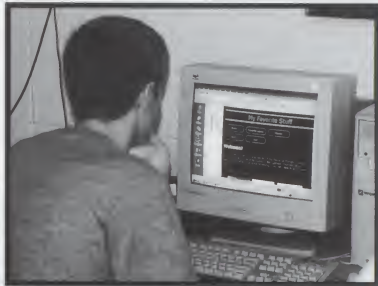
This is a typical day for ICE students. ICE stands for Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education. ICE students receive on-the-job training in their field of interest, get paid a typical wage and receive credit for the class. ICE is headed up by Miss Nelson who visits each student's place of employment and meets with their supervisor to evaluate their performance—these visits are not always announced! In the classroom, students are taught good work ethics and skills, as well as an understanding of how to file taxes and fill out W2 forms. Many students are in leadership and managerial positions within their work places.

Below: Students in Mrs. Skurka's Business Foundations class take a taste test to find out if a name brand product tastes better than a house brand or does it just cost more?



Below~ Freshman Dave Pattee works on the website he designed in Web Design Class.

Far Below~ Students Rebecca Parilac, Kelly Willis, Anthony Lopez, and Katrina Lambert explore the ever informing Student Edition of the Wall Street Journal in their business class.



**What do you
prefer to
write with?**

47% said pencil

**45 % like writing
with a pen**

**8% do better with
the computer**

All in a day's work.

Business classes help Lowell High School students learn how to be successful in the harsh reality of the working world. Teachers like Miss Nelson, Mrs. McRae, and Mrs. Skurka instruct their students in the ways of accounting, basic business principles, computer applications, and choosing a career.

Students learn how to be a better consumer, manage their money, understand basic business laws, balance a checkbook, design a website, select a career and how to best interview for a job. By the time of graduation, these students will be ready to say, "Here I come, working world!"

Health Careers

Below: Mary Favors and Amanda Keck work on their nutrition posters.



"I'd really like to pursue a career in nursing, and this class has really helped." Lowell High School's Health Careers class is taught by Mrs. Zea. After completing the first semester of textbook learning, students in this class go to St. Anthony's twice a week to perform clinicals during the second semester of school. They also assist nurses and learn about what a career in nursing would be like. It is a three-hour course, and all students enrolled have completed an anatomy class.



1. Shannon Fluehr gets ready to leave for St. Anthony's.



2. Nikki Eaton finishes a worksheet for class.



3. Shana Holder pretends to be a patient for one of the other students.

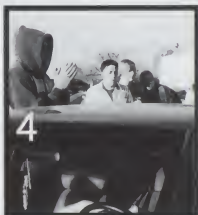


Above: Kate Sciacitano and Alyssa Lukasik pose for a picture in their last day of Health Careers.

Law Enforcement



Crime scene. Investigation. Suspects. Trial and Verdict. Students in the Law Enforcement class helped with the CSI: Lowell investigation by gathering evidence and securing the scene of the crime. These students also had the opportunity to visit the County jail, and were able to see first-hand how the local police officers work to keep the peace. Many students take this 2-hr class because they would like to have a career in Law Enforcement, be an attorney, or even eventually work as a judge.



1. Chief Wilson as he instructs some of his students after the CSI trial.

2. The Law Enforcement students put their heads together to draw conclusions pertaining to the scene of the crime.

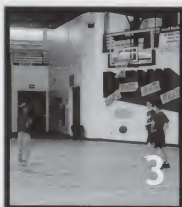
3. The Law Enforcement students work to gather evidence for the CSI trial.

4. Jason Corns, Mike O'Hare, Jeff Sandberg, Dusty Dowd, and Mary Coffman investigate the scene.



"I hate the gym floor." That is what most of the students who take gym are saying. Due to heavy rains and the mix of the construction, the old, wooden gym floor had to be replaced with interlocking, plastic tiles.

Even through all the grumbling, class continues. Students still play basketball, volleyball, hockey, and much more on the new court, thanks to the encouragement of the P.E. teachers, Mrs. Opat, Miss McCormack, Mr. Kennedy, and new this year, Mr. Wong. The teachers still teach basic skills in this "new" atmosphere.



- 1.~ Michael Staniewicz and Jacob Gill struggle for the puck.
- 2.~ Ping-pong, by far the best unit of gym, was fun.
- 3.~ Mr. Wong's gym students practice their basketball skills.
- 4.~ Traci Hochmuth prepares to let the birdie fly.
- 5.~ Jonathan Cap prepares to shoot a free-throw.
- 6.~ Stephanie Maloney serves up an ace.



What is your favorite gym activity?

24% liked hockey

24 % favored football

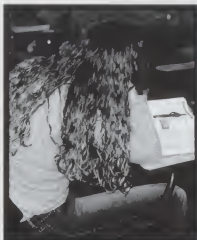
19% loved soccer

19% preferred playing basketball

14% liked to swim



Above~ Mr. Kennedy explains to his students why health is important. Mr. Kennedy says that his health class "affords the students an opportunity to improve themselves mentally."



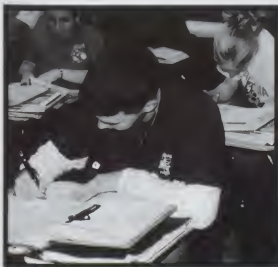
Left~Krystal Pigg is reading out of her text book. Reading is an important part of Health class.

Goals. Good choices. Useful information.

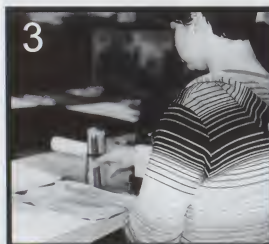
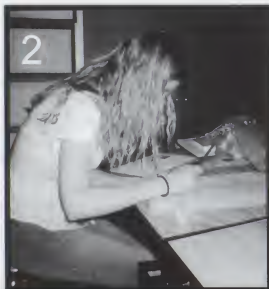
Health class gives the students all of these things and a bit more. Teachers like Mr. Kennedy, Miss McCormak, Mrs. Opat, and Mr. Wong help the students set long and short term goals and teach how the body reacts to harmful substances like tobacco and alcohol. They also prepare students for tough choices by teaching refusal skills. Health class may seem like all book work, but in the long run students will have benefitted greatly by the great skills they have learned to handle life.



Students discuss what happens when drinking goes too far. Health class helps students make good choices in life.

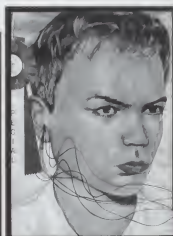


Carrie Shelhart, David Erpelding, and Elizabeth Martin are studying health. Book work is fun!



1. Amber Corey starts her travel poster for art class.
2. Amanda Parker is creating an animal using features of many different ones.
3. Naomi Rose finishes her triptych.

Painting and drawing. Ceramics and sculpture. Mr. Sufana and Mrs. Thomas teach the LHS art students about these topics and how to master them. Students are given the opportunity to work with several different mediums and do many projects using them. At the end of the year, LHS students can also showcase their work over the past year in the Art Show. Students, teachers, and a panel of judges vote for which pieces they think are best. Pictured on the below on the left is a scratchboard done by Darby Delano, and on the right, a winning painting for Ryan Pickart.



4. Greg Liebke and Eugene Speers use colored pencil to design their names using only horizontal lines.

This is where the first line of the copy for the Engineering class goes. These classes are known as PLTW or Project Lead The Way to the students that take them. Taught by Mr. Gonzalez, students work with different computer programs to help sharpen their skills. They learn different aspects of engineering from the first step in the design process to electrical engineering. Below is a design by a student in PLTW. It's a Toolbox created by Angelo Pancini.

Below: John Morario with other students in the Engineering class.



What is your favorite medium to work with in art?

33% prefer watercolors.

22% prefer to use tempera paints.

19% like calligraphy ink.

15% prefer drawing with pencil.

7% enjoy oil pastels.

4% Like to use colored pencils.



1. A student in the engineering class designs a stapler.

2. Several students in Mr. Gonzalez's PLTW class work on their preliminary designs.

CSI: Lowell



POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS

Was it Joe Kool, with the knife in the car? That is what students who were involved with the first ever CSI (crime scene investigation) Lowell had to figure out. Students from the Law Enforcement, Biology, and Personal Law classes came together to solve this gruesome mock murder.

On a December 2nd, 2003, a car was discovered in the school's parking lot. Inside was the body of a murdered woman. It was reported to the police station inside the school (also known as the law enforcement class) and soon, officers arrived on the scene. What they saw was a woman with her throat slashed. After identification, the woman was found to be Mrs. Nellie Ward, wife of Mr. Monty Ward (portrayed by Mr. Anderson). Student quickly got to work collecting evidence and searching for clues.

One major clue was a bloody finger print found on a McDonald's food bag. This looked like a job for the lab. The finger print was sent to the biology class with the careful supervision of Mr. Holdeman. There, the print was processed and tested. The students found that the print belonged to none other than Mr. Joe Kool (commonly know to Lowell High School as Coach Kennedy.)

Mr. Kool was arrested and charged with kidnapping and felony murder. Soon afterward his trial started. Lawyers from the personal law classes. Honorable Judge Kim Braden presided with the assistants of Lowell Town Judge Thomas Vanes. Mr. Kool was represented by Brandon Seramur and Kyle Kraatz. Prosecution was lead by Melissa Klahn and Christine Schmelter. Witnesses were brought to the stand, including Mr. Monty Ward. When he was on the stand, it came to light that Mr. Kool was a family friend of the Ward's. Also coming to the surface was that Mr. Ward had just recently purchased a new insurance plan. Did Mr. Kool did it? Or was it a plot by Mr. Ward? The jurors had to decide.

After about ten minutes of deliberation, the jurors came back. Their verdict- Not guilty. Mr. Kool was free to go.



Here~ Students in the law enforcement classes search for clues, document evidence, and check out witnesses. This was the first step in the case of CSI: Lowell. Chief Wilson supervised the students as they explored the mystery.



6. Mr. Ward testifies as the man who hired the defendant to kill his wife.

7. The bailiff, Ana Bail, swears in the defendant, Mr. Joe Kool.

8. A witness, Brooke Bell, testifies for the jury.

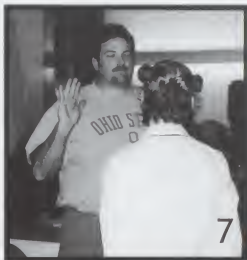
9. The defense intently listens as the prosecution makes its case.

10. One of the prosecutors, Christine Schmelter, interrogates the witness on the stand.

11. A jury member, Christine Quamstrom, reveals the verdict of not guilty.

12. A defense attorney, Kyle Kratz, makes his case for the jury.

13. The judge, Kim Braden, prepares for the trial.



CSI: Lowell

REmember

REassert

As teenagers we feel the intense desire to become as independent as possible. We no longer want to simply blend in with the crowd, we long to be off on our own, having as many adventures and experiences as possible. One way in which students demonstrate their individuality is by taking part in a sport. However, not all students are gifted with athletic ability so they may choose to showcase their individual talents and interests by joining one of the many clubs which Lowell High School sponsors. A person who intends to dedicate their life to the noble occupation of agricultural engineer may choose to take part in FFA, Future Farmers of America. While a member of this club one would expect to take part in activities ranging from the Teacher Appreciation Hog Roast to learning from the experience of other farmers by listening to guest speakers that come from all over the country. Or perhaps your talent is more musically based, you could become a member of Lowell High School's very own "Unplugged" club. The Unplugged club is a group of very talented musicians who meet afterschool to play acoustic guitar and benefit from the experience of others. It's difficult to find a place *not* to fit in while a student of Lowell High School. We are even the proud sponsors of a chess club! What more could you possibly ask for?







President:
Kyle Mitsch



Secretary:
Heather
Kutemeier



Treasurer:
Clayton Miller



Reporter:
Toby Goetz



Sentinel: Larin
Childress

Members of FFA

Well Members



The officers strike a pose
with Mr. Garling

ffa

Dedicated to helping the community and supporting school activities, the FFA cannot be stopped. FFA membership is at an all time high with chapters in all fifty states. The members are taught about and practice premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. They receive intense training and coaching in interpersonal and leadership skills. The FFA contains three parts: education incorporating classroom and experiential learning as well as community involvement.

Veteran's Day Services-
Chris Drazba, Kory Hannsz,
Brian Trueblood, Sydney
Russell



Grisom Air Reserve Base

afjrotc

The Lowell High School Air Force Junior ROTC program is one of the most active JROTC units. The dedicated cadets participate in many community service projects and activities. These along with classroom guidance and direction instill confidence, self-reliance, and self-discipline. The overall purpose of JROTC is to develop teamwork, make better citizens, and prepare the cadets for military service without having any military commitment requirements.

events

Sept.-Labor
Day Parade-
1st place
trophy

Oct.- 2
Halloween
programs for
kids in
community

Nov.-
Veterans Day
program

Dec.-
Winterwonderland
and Ice Castle for
American Legion-
442 hrs.



March-
Dayton field trip
& fly at Grissom
AFB

May-
Memorial Day
services



"...a service and leadership organization and a great opportunity for LHS students"

-Garrett Thiel, President



"...a chance for student athletes to work together to help the community and school"

-McKensey Weitbrock
Vice President



"...dedication and commitment to the school and the community"

-Mary Erpelding
Recording Secretary



"...has given many student athletes a chance to give back to the community"

-Johanna Hess,
Treasurer

Treasurer Johanna Hess, Mike Stoner, President Garrett Thiel, and Recording Secretary Mary Erpelding



Ashley Lukasik and Becky Bailitz take time to smile for the camera while working the chilli supper

L-club

Being a L-club member is harder then you think. Its not just getting a lettermans jacket its about dedicating your time to the community and to the school. L-Club members participate in many activities in and outside of school. they earn points by working school functions and spending there time at different fundraisers. some of there favorite fundraisers are the L-Club wash n' wax, selling chili supper and fish fry tickets, the mitten tree program and last but not least the clothesline program.

Below: The L-Club officers hand out awards to their fellow members

Below center: Brynn O'Keefe and Aimee Sunny leaving a gift for their "adopt-a-coach"



L-Club members support the boys basketball team

Mike Koza, Mike Dowling and Eric Raszewski show there excitement at the L-Club meeting



Megan Flores helps serve at the chilli supper



Asa Calloway and Ashley Blink works the concession stand at a girls basketball game



chess

Whether it's just hanging out and playing a friendly game of chess or just watching others play, the chess club is the place to be. The members enjoy challenging their minds and the minds of others.

vica

The Vocational Industrial Clubs of America learn many important skills to make them better people. These skills include work ethic and customer relations. They work very hard to repair vehicles and be courteous to those that they associate with. Some members are extremely good at what they do and even compete in competitions. The members of VICA are considered



Members of VICA smile for the camera.



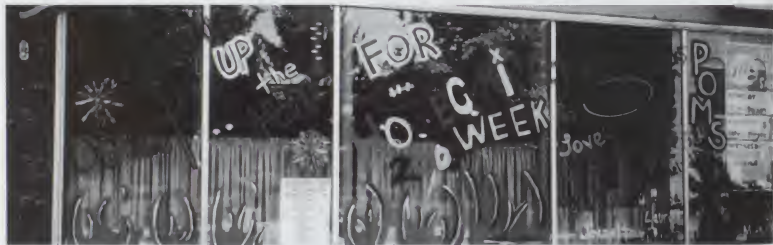
Hurc and Woody smile for the camera.



Vince Harding looks up for a picture while working on a car.

This year's team consisted of members: (From Top) Maggie Cap, Amanda Leonard, Melissa Elieff, Rachel Kronsell and Michelle Favors

Performing at halftime during a boys basketball game



The window they decorated for homecoming week

dance/pom team

The 2003-2004 season for the Lowell Dancing Devils began with a change in the coaching staff. Christine Leonard took over the responsibility of coach and spent the year restructuring the dance team. Although it was a small squad this year, they learned techniques, new dances and performed at freshman and varsity basketball games. At the end of the year a new, larger team was selected for the 04-05 season. Dances are being choreographed by Valparaiso University dancer, Jessica Grant. The team ended the year looking forward to next season where all their hard work will pay off.

drama

Drama has yet again to go through the hardships of new directors, but their shows could never be better. It is quite obvious these members can jump right back up after taking a hard fall. The members of drama work extremely hard on producing two performances - one in the fall and one in the spring. Drama includes more than just the actors, though. There are people behind the scenes who work lighting, stage props, and costumes. Drama club members held an awards ceremony at the end of the year to congratulate each other on a job well done.



Erin Aquino, Nicki Vesper, Kim Clement, Kelly Blandford, Kristina Borst during the award banquet.

Erin Aquino is all smiles as she shows off her awards.



The cast of the spring musical "Oliver" take a bow after a great performance





Senior
Officer,
Mindy
Hochmuth



Senior
Officer,
Mike Stoner



Senior
Officer,
Daniel Lang



Junior
Officer,
Kim Braden



Junior
Officer,
Katie Cooper



Back row: Devin Hannon, Mike Stoner, Andy Cleveland, Nate Kleefish, Andy Newton, Emily Runyon, and Mr. Anderson
Middle row: Amber Corey, Jon Stoner, Liz Martin, Kim Braden, Amy Conn, Jamie Rossi
Front row: Mindy Hochmuth, Kristina Borst, Katie Cooper, Amy Comstock, Danielle Hisaw, Traci Hochmuth

fca

This year Fellowship of Christian Athletes consisted of 19 members. The FCA members met every Wednesday morning to discuss a biblical topic over juice and donuts. Their discussion topics varied from forgiveness and love to Islam Religion and Christian Music. This club isn't all talk though, over Christmas break, FCA traveled to the Lowell Healthcare Center for some festive activities. They went caroling and made Christmas cards with an attached homemade gift. They also hosted the annual "See you at the Pole" where members and friends of FCA met at the flag pole to pray for our nation. The FCA also had a lock-in during the first week of February.





This years' club consisted of nine members. All officers positions including president were held by juniors. SADD members started the year off with a book drive and collected over 100 books which were donated to the Lowell Public Library. Throughout the year they held meetings every Thursday morning and discussed statistics and stories of drunk driving and other local problems. They also sponsored Grim Reaper Day on March 24th where members and volunteers dressed in all black and wore signs displaying the main causes of teen death. The signs represented anything from an overdose of drugs to death by drunk driving. The clubs overall goal is to teach teens how to prevent these problems by showing good example and educating you on the facts and statistics of deaths in our country.



Back row: Mrs. Mikulich, Betsy Hoffman, Vicky Hathaway, Beth Goff, Jessica Dragin, Shay Tracis, Kristina Borst, Emily Hoyt
Front row: Michelle Mentink, Sidney Schuttrow, Erin Pankow, Kim Braden, Jessica Neal, Nicki Vesper

President,
Vicky
Hathaway



Vice
President,
Michelle
Mentink



Treasurer,
Sidney
Schuttrow



Historian,
Betsy
Hoffman





The 2003-2004 Student Council

student council

Student council is the thread that holds student activities together. Besides sponsoring all of the school dances, the student council provides many events and programs that contribute to the well being of our community as well. This year the Student Council received the Red Cross Partnership Award for their successful annual blood drive.

Headed by sponsor Rebecca Lake, Student Council is made up of students from all grade levels to provide leadership to the student body and increase school spirit. They encourage each teacher by giving encouraging notes and goodies throughout the year to let them know they are appreciated. Each class has their own officers and set of responsibilities yet they all come together to help make our high school years more memorable.

leadership
fun spirit
growth



Student council sponsors, Miss Lake & Mr. Coil along with Administrator, Mr. McRae accept the award from the Red Cross



Council members
who participated
in the annual
"Rake-N-Run"

events

September-
Spirit Couch
Foam finger sales
Homecoming



October-
Blood Drive
Rake & Run
Spooktacular
Bash

December-
Nursing Home
Visit

February-
Rose Sales
Crush Cans
Compatibility Surveys
Winter Formal

March -
Sadie Hawkins Dance

April -
Dress Swap
District
Conference

May-
Scholarship
awarded
Spring Fling
Prom
Teacher
luncheon



All year-
Krispy Kreme Sales
Teacher Appreciation
Gifts



Whitney
Magley &
Mark
Adams
attend to
the
teacher's
luncheon
on the
last day
of school



Some members at the "Spring Fling" dance.



academic teams

The air is thick with anticipation; the LHS Academic Decathlon team members grip each other's hands tightly. They have slaved for the past eight months over thousands of pages of information on topics ranging from Botany to Literature. The participating schools placing lower than third place are awarded certificates, Lowell High School was not announced with this grouping. "Third place goes to, Del-Phi Memorial!" The room erupts into cheers for the students who swell with pride as they approach the man holding their plaques. The Lowell students are breathless in anticipation. This day, this one very moment will validate all of their energy and effort that has been used to study at all possible moments over the past eight months. "And the second place winner is....." the room goes silent, "TRI-WEST!" As this was announced the team was flooded with emotions. Eyes went wide, jaws dropped, hands were shaking, reality slammed into the team like a bus into a brick wall; we won. The Lowell High School Academic Decathlon team of the 2003-2004 season will forever be noted as the first team to break Tri-West's eight-year winning streak.

The 2003-2004 Academic Decathlon State Champs! Back Row: Ashlee Smith, Erin Aquino, Chris Haugh, Amanda Parker, Rachael Keilman, Third Row: Natalina Oliveria, Priscilla Zuchowski, Samantha Zilai, Bryce Burge, 2nd Row: Dustin Palmer, Brad Thompson, Katie Hughes, Jaclyn Baker, Sameerah Ahmad, Kate Mitsch, Nicole Vauter, Jon Newton Front Row: Megan Iussig, Natalie Bruce, Mikayla Oliverio, Aimee Sunny, Katie Cooper, Joseph Gianotti.
Back:

Below: The Super Bowl Interdisciplinary Team Back: George Weeden, Joseph Gianotti Front: Kate Mitsch, Sarah Martin, Kyle Govert



The Super Bowl - Fine Arts team: Back: Amy Comstock, Joseph Gianotti
Front: Kyle Govert, Michelle Vesper, Kim Clement

events

Spell Bowl:
N. Judson Invite
1st Place

Gavit Regional
3rd Place

Decathlon:
K.V. Invite
1st Place

K.V. Regional
1st Place

State Finals
1st Place Champs!

Super Bowl:
Munster Invite
2nd Place

K.V. Invite
1st Place

Merrillville
Regional
2nd Place

State Finals
7th - Interdisciplinary
7th - Fine Arts

The Spanish Club



Front: Tracy Houchmuth, Natalie Bruce, Brynn O'Keefe, Mindy Houchmuth, Christina Borst, Danielle Hisaw, Jen Schafer 2nd row: Shanette King, Nicole Lee, Alyssa Kregel, Mickey Oiverio, Stan Holder, Justin Stengel, Tanya Muvceski, Kyle Gavelek, Mr. Mosely, 3rd row: Shay Travis, ?, Angela Baron, Amy Conn, Sara Cales, Tiffany Tauber, Nathan Cundiff Back: Cameron Blunt, Josh Rowe, Kevin Parli, Andy Cleveland, Devin Hannon, Dave Ziller

The French Club



Front: Katie Hughes, Nicole Vauter, Autumn Burbach, Matt Kersey, Michelle Vesper, Heather Gilbert Back: John Nilles, Nicole Carlson, Mark Adams, Kiley Bunce, Ashley Smith, Mrs. Coulis



French Club Officers planning a fundraiser From left to right: Kiley Bunce, treasurer; John Nilles, Secretary; Mark Adams, President; Autumn Burbach, special events coordinator; Nicole Carlson, Vice President

foreign language clubs

If you desire to expand your knowledge of a foreign culture and language, these clubs are the ones to join. You do not even need to currently be in a foreign language class to be a part of it. These groups have many events to celebrate the foreign country's holiday. Such as the Mardi Gras for the french club or the Mercado in Spain. The French Club is sponsored by Mrs. Coulis and the Spanish Club is sponsored by Mr. Moseley.

national honor society

The National Honor Society is a club where you must be nominated and selected to be a part. It is for those students who exemplify a high standard in their academics, community involvement and leadership throughout LHS. Our group of NHS students do more than most, including a huge undertaking in the Angel Tree at the Christmas Season. Sponsor, Mrs. Iussig has worked hard to see that this group of students use their talents and leadership abilities for the good of others in our community and at LHS.



The 2003-2004 National Honor Society: Front row, Kate Mitsch, McKensy Wietbrock, Kim Clement, Kate Sciacitano, Luke Reed, Alysha Tomlins, Meghan Bachinski, Ashley Lukasik, Second row, Rachel Voss, Tom Basset, Ashley Smith, Mackenzie Bales, Robin Finley, Samantha Zilai, Tom Worozolo, Angie Kutanovski, Third row: Mrs. Iussig, Johanna Hess, Emily Hoyt, Alyssa Lukasik, Katie Vanes, Amber Schmidt, Katie Cooper, Natalie Perfetti, Samantha Baum, Tina Arnold, Mindy Hochmuth, Fourth row, Boomer Kerwin, Nathan Cundiff, Garrett Theil, Lisa Schulfer, Grace Klein, Fifth row, Lindsey Vitolo, Amy Conn, Jennifer Blandford, Elyse Rigby, Vicky Hathaway, Sidney Schuttrow, Toni Clapp. Top Row Jen Lindemer, Nicky Vesper, Dan Thompson, Mike Stoner, Nate Oaf, Nicole Lewandowski, Brooke Bell

Marie Evans and Derrick Luker at the awards banquet

Nicole, Chris, and Brittany



Above: Johnna Nolan and Mrs. Andrews at Spring Fling

Above Right: Amanda Watson and Anna Tomko

Right: Jessica Neal and Allison Umfleet



Volleyball team with coaches Eric and Sara Tomko

special education

Each year the students attend the annual Spring Fling dance, sponsored by the Student Council. They also busy themselves with making baskets and leather name tags for 4-H. Some students also enjoy singing in the school choir.

special olympics

This year the basketball season was divided into two teams- senior and master. Both teams went to compete at state. The senior team, coached by Sara Tomko, came in a close third and the masters team, coached by Eric Tomko, won first. Summer games will be held in Terre Haute this summer on June 4, 5, and 6. Athletes come from all around the state to compete in volleyball and track & field events. All athletes will attend Open Ceremonies the first night which is followed by a short dance. The second night is the big dance where most athletes will sport their best fashions.



Senior and Masters
basketball teams



A few athletes take time out to pose for a picture at
Norm's Pumpkin Patch

Daniel Lang shows us his
pearly whites after
receiving his award



REmember

REenergize

Heart pounding, adrenaline rushing, sweat pouring out of your body. While this may not be a very appealing image to many students, for others it is a way of life. To the casual observer, athletes receive all of the attention without having done much to earn it. However, if you were to attend just one of the 10 hour practices that the football players have in the dead heat of summer, or any of the two-a-day practices that every sport has, your opinion would be greatly changed. The athletes of Lowell High School are some of the best in the region, setting records nearly anywhere that they go. From Freshman Nic Perfetti breaking numerous school records, Sophomore Rachel Thiel breaking 2 shotput records (including one that she had set), Senior Katie Vanes breaking the 300 lows record, and as a team the Varsity Football team were Sectional Champions. When you take into consideration the amount of time and effort that these dedicated players put in for every game and practice, it is expected that their talent would advance enough to break at least a few records. Our excellence in athletics over the years is due in part to the leadership our athletes receive from Athletic Director Don Bales. This year Mr. Bales was awarded the National Athletic Director of the Year. We are all proud that he represents LHS!





FRESHMAN

O O T B A L L

The freshman football team had a winning season of 7-2, despite a 1-2 beginning. The first game of the season was a heart-breaking loss to Crown Point. The team came back with a win against Calumet, only to again get backtracked at Griffith. The majority of the team agrees that this was the worst game because a fight broke out in the second half against Griffith. But the outcome was beneficial because team unity developed and the Red Devils won the next six games. Moving up for sectionals was Ethan Winel, Josh Kuiper, Don Pattee, and Mike Staniewicz.

Freshman football team: (from left) Kyle O'Keefe, Eddie Harber, Dan Arnold, Alex Ruehl, Nick Traficanfi, Adam Levin, Phil Phelem, Manager Michelle Favors, Andrew Pritchard, Matt Kay, Aaron Spearson, Josh Kuiper, Chris Kalizae, Tyler Overdout, Coach Holdeman, Brent Verkler, Max Zinka, Josh Hutinson, Mike Staniewicz, Jon Cap, Jon Harker, Don Pattee, Erhan Winel, and Coach Miracle.



"My favorite memory was when we beat Andean, who were undefeated." Josh Kuiper

Right: "My favorite team to play was Munster- they were a solid team with good sportsmanship. We played our style of football and came out on top." Kyle O'Keefe

Far Right: Jon Cap waits to receive a snap.



SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Crown Point | L |
| Calumet | W |
| Griffith | L |
| Morton | W |
| Andean | W |
| Hammond | W |
| Munster | W |
| Hobart | W |
| Highland | W |

"The greatest achievement of the season was having a winning season and not giving up." Don Pattee

Right: Dan Arnold waits for the play to begin.

Center: "My favorite memory of the season was ending the season with 5 shut-outs." Tyler Overdorf.

Far Right: Max Znika tackles Hammond High player.



Ethan Winel runs with the ball to score a touchdown.



Left: The team shows unity as they shut-out Hammond.

"My favorite team to play was Highland because I scored my first touchdown." Jon Harker

Sportsmanship Winner



Drew Steuer





J V

"My favorite team to play was Griffith because they are a huge rival and JV got to play." Chad Grabinski

F O O T B A L L

Despite numerous injuries, the junior varsity football team had a record of .500 this year. Ryan King, Erik Johannsen, Scott Gray, Jed Travis, and Kyle Mitsch all suffered from injury at some point throughout the season, but the team rose to the situation on hand with a limited number of players, and had a successful year. The season opener was against arch-rival Crown Point, and the team suffered a heartbreaking loss, but bounced back the next week to crush the Calumet Warriors. The same happened with a loss against Griffith and a win versus Morton. Powerhouses Andean and Munster both brought losses, but Lowell rallied and came back with wins against both Hobart and Highland to finish off their season record. The Junior Varsity football team has some big shoes to fill, with the graduating class including Justin Henley, Chris Marazotto, Chris Garza, Justin Wiler, and Jim Jeffries, but head coach Kirk Kennedy is confident that the 2004 season will be just as successful as the 2003 season.

"The best part of being on the team is the unity." Randy Laymen, shown here tackling a Highland High player.



The JV starting lineup pushes for another touchdown.



"My most memorable game was Hobart, because they were undefeated." Dan Thompson

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Crown Point | L |
| Calumet | W |
| Griffith | L |
| Morton | W |
| Andrean | L |
| Munster | L |
| Hobart | W |
| Highland | W |

Right:
Sophomore
Mike Dowling
runs with the
ball on the 40
yard line.



Mike Koza,
shown here
returning a
kickoff, was a
leading receiver
for the Red
Devils this year.

Below: Foreign exchange student, Frank Engen, starts
the game off right with a solid kick.



Below: Scott
Gray takes down
the Highland
quarterback.



"My favorite team to play this year was Griffith."
Jimmy Ritter, # 7., waits for the snap from # 68,
Bobby Hayden.



Left: No one can touch
sophomore Jimmy Ritter as he
runs the ball.

Sportsmanship



Chris Lampa

F O O T B A L L

A core of experienced seniors, the best coaching staff in the region, and a huge entourage of fans led the

Varsity Football team to one of its best seasons ever. The Red Devils finished with an 11-2 record, claiming the Sectional trophy and placing second in the Lake Athletic Conference. The team kicked off the season with a win against Crown Point, capturing the leather helmet for the first time, which signifies the rivalry and replaced the former rivalry with K.V. The following week the boys travelled to Calumet, where the fans not only witnessed a 42-0 shut-out, but a streaker as well. Lowell's fans also saw a shut-out against Griffith (33-0), which most of the team agrees was a highlight of the season. Four weeks later the Red Devils showed what they're made of at Munster when first-year kicker Korey Klidas made a game-winning 30 yard field goal, just seconds after Scott Schulz threw a 37 yard pass to Ed Overdout, which got the ball into field goal range. The team finished off the regular season 8-1, with the only loss falling to Andean. Sectional wins against Lew Wallace, Munster, and Hobart found Lowell as champions once again. The team lost a hard-fought battle to the East Noble Warriors, with a final score of 13-20. In addition to the team's success, Head Coach Kirk Kennedy was named Coach of the Year. The class of 2004 would like to say thank you to the underclassmen and their coaches, and good luck in the future.



The 2003
Varsity
football
team.

Red Devil
Pride



Randy Lukasik

Most
Improved



Scott Schulz

Receiver



Jim Jeffries

Special Teams



Korey Klidas

Scout Team



Mike Dowling

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| Clark (Scrimmage) | W |
| Crown Point | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Griffith | W |
| Morton | W |
| Andrean | L |
| Hammond | W |
| Munster | W |
| Hobart | W |
| Highland | W |
| Sectional 1 (Lew Wallace) | W |
| Sectional 2 (Munster) | W |
| Sectional 3 (Hobart) | W |



First year kicker Korey Klidas attempts a PAT for the Red Devils. Klidas was a huge asset to the team this year.

"I thought the fan support was outstanding and I hope to bring that same crowd back for next year." Junior Scott Schulz.

John Huseman reaches for the catch against the Highland Trojans.



Justin Henley breaks away from the pack to run in for a touchdown. Henley was the leading scorer for the Red Devils, scoring 19 touchdowns and averaging 6.2 yards per carry.



Far Right: Junior Toby Goetz runs in for six more points. Goetz was a dynamite force on both ends, scoring 10 touchdowns as well as 27 tackles.



MVP



Chris Marzotto

L-Club



Toby Goetz

Defensive Back



John Huseman

Defensive Lineman



Larin Childress

Offensive Back



Justin Henley

Offensive Lineman



Justin Wiler

Linebacker



Chris Garza

VARSITY

CHEERLEADING FALL

The Varsity cheerleaders started this year attending camp the end of July. They performed their home cheer the first night of camp and earned a bid to Nationals. By the end of camp the girls returned home with Chant Champions and Top Team trophies, blue ribbons, the spirit megaphone award, and a chance to perform at the Hula or Orange Bowl. Working to promote school spirit, the girls came up with new ways to get the students and teachers involved in the pep rallies this included having special cheerleaders and the football moms "perform". By the end of the season the squad accomplished many things that they can be proud of and will never forget.

The varsity girls pose for a picture at the end of camp with all of their awards.



Right: Varsity Cheerleaders: Front Row L-R: Ashley Boege, Aimee Sunny, Jessie Blandford, Sandy Schest, Jennifer Lenzo, Tina Arnold Middle Row: Jessica Gray, Jayme Glaze, Lauren Levin Back Row: Rachel Voss, Jennie Blandford, and Katie Vanes



Below: The Varsity girls successfully lift Lauren Levin, Jessie Blandford, and Katie Vanes in three solid lifts during the starting lineup.



Most Improved



Katie Vanes

Best Mental Attitude



Rachel Voss

Co L-Club Leadership



Jennifer Lenzo

Co L-Club Leadership



Jennie Blandford

Seniors L-R: Jennie Blandford, Lauren Levin, Tina Arnold, Jennifer Lenzo, Jessica Gray, Katie Vanes, and Rachel Voss pose for a picture.

VARSITY

C H E E R L E A D I N G

With only a week between football season and basketball the girls had to work hard to get ready for the first game with losing four fall cheerleaders to other sports. The girls continued to use every Monday practice to paint signs for each winter sport. With only JV and Varsity going to away games the girls were able to mix up the stunt groups between the two squads and add the freshmen and male lifters at home games. Nearing the end of the season five girls competed at the Midwest Stunt Competition placing second overall. The five members were Jennie Blandford, Rachel Voss, Sandy Schest, Jennifer Lenzo, and Katie Vanes from fall season. Along with winning second place, the five girls won the spirit award and Katie Vanes won the jump competition out of 32 girls. Finally hearing the good news after months of waiting, Jennie Blandford received a letter saying she had made The NCA staff for the summer of '04. This means she will travel to various camps as an instructor

Below: Freshmen through Varsity girls doing the final home starting lineup at Senior night.

Far below: For Sectionals the girls decorated the Boys Basketball locker room.



Winter cheer L-
R 1st row:
Aimee Sunny,
Tina Arnold,
Sandy Schest
2nd row:
Jaymee Glaze,
Jennie
Blandford,
Lauren Levin,
and Jennifer
Lenzo, (NP
Rachel Voss)



JV, & Varsity
squads and
coach Arnold
were
welcomed to
Whiting with
a delicious
cake.

Most
Improved



Sandy Schest

Best Mental
Attitude



Lauren Levin

Co L-Club
Leadership



Jennifer Lenzo

Co L-Club
Leadership



Tina Arnold

Sportsmanship
Award



Jennie Blandford

W I N T E R

JV AND FRESHMAN

This past summer at cheerleading camp the JV and freshmen squads competed as one. Starting out as a very young squad, with ten freshmen over all, the girls had to work hard. Each practice kept on getting closer and closer to camp and the time would come for them to prove themselves. Taking the advice varsity would give them the JV and freshmen squads did prove themselves. Earning blue ribbons, spirit sticks, the most improved trophy, and most of all knowing that they did awesome.

The Fall JV Cheerleaders from left to right: Front row Lauren Blandford, Brianne Harnish. Back row Ashlee Blink, Katie Long, Alyssa Blandford, and Ka'tlyn Jensen



The Freshmen Squad: L-R Front Row Alexis Rockway, Kristen Zubric, Ashley Perry, Back Row: Melanie Smith, Kayla Marsee, and Tiffany Boege.

The freshmen girls hit their stunt with Kayla Marsee.



The JV and Freshmen Cheerleaders do the school song at a varsity game



Above Right: Lauren Blandford and Ka'tlyn Jensen get perky at cheer camp.

Above: Brianne Harnish smiles big as she pumps up the crowd



Above: Ashlee Blink gets the crowd into the game

JV AND FRESHMAN

The Freshmen girls started out their basketball season strong only losing one girl from football season. Managing their time between practices, home freshmen and JV games the girls did an excellent job this season. The JV cheerleaders were down to four girls, but that didn't stop them from doing their best. Having help from the freshmen cheerleaders at home games and the varsity girls at away games. For only having four girls on their squad the JV cheerleaders accomplished many things and held the most dedication this season.

JV Squad Front Row L-R:
Lauren Blandford and Katie
Long Back Row: Ashlee Blink
and Katlyn Jensen



Freshmen Girls Front Row L-R:
Kristen Zubric and Ashley Perry
Back Row: Tiffany Boege, Alexis
Rockway, and Kayla Marsee



Freshmen cheerleader Kayla
Marsee hits her punch motion
during a freshmen game.



JV
Sportsmanship
Award



Lauren Blandford



The JV and Freshmen cheerleaders end a cheer
during a JV Boys game.

Freshman
Sportsmanship
Award



Tiffany Boege

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VARSITY GIRLS

V O L L E Y B A L L

The girls varsity volleyball team had a very interesting situation this year. The team consisted of nine seniors, one junior, and ended with five sophomores. With all of those seniors, no one was really sure how things were going to end up. Well, with hard work and loads of dedication, the team pulled off a 22-10 winning season. The girls kicked butt all season but if you ask any player, they will tell you there is one game that stands out in their minds. The girls came through in Sectionals to beat Highland, a huge rival. The team claims that was one of the biggest highlights of the year. As the season hit a very sudden ending, the seniors will all be missed and there is much promise for the future of the Lady Devil Volleyball Program.

Right: Awww Yeah Yeah Yeah! The girls celebrate the win of the point!

Far Right: The girls all put their hands in for a team before the game.

Right: Liz and Jackie go up high to block!
Far Right: Mary Taylor goes up for the dink as her team covers her.

Right: Dana, Amy, Rachel, Liz, Carrie, Whitney, and David pose for a picture. Otherwise known as the non-seniors!

Below: The girls pose for the traditional team photo!



Above: Amy and Desiree give a big smile for the camera.

Left: Lisa Shulfer goes up to slam the ball down.

Lisa
Schulfer



Most Valuable &
Best at the Net

Liz
Martin



Most Improved

McKensy
Wietbrock



L-Club Leadership
& Set em' up!

Natalie Hanas



The Serving Award

Right: The team lines up for the National Anthem.

Far Right: The DS's get ready for the big game: Natalie, Ashley, Nicole, and Kate.



Right: The girls throw their hands up in excitement.

Far Right: Mary and Dana show off some of their other skills off the court.

Above: Kate gets her adrenaline going for the game.



Above: The girls put their hands up together as a team before every game they play together.



Right: The girls get into a circle after a hard tournament at Benton Central.

Scoreboard

| | |
|----------------------|-------|
| North Newton- | W |
| Merrillville- | L |
| Hanover- | W |
| Wheeler- | L |
| Hammond Clark- | W |
| Griffith- | W |
| Hammond Gavit- | W |
| Hammond High- | W |
| Hobart- | W |
| Bishop Noll- | W |
| Crown Point- | W |
| Andean- | L |
| Calumet- | W |
| Highland- | L |
| Lake Central- | W |
| Portage- | W |
| Whiting- | W |
| Hammond Morton- | W |
| Lake Station- | W |
| Munster- | W |
| Highland Trny- | 2W/2L |
| Hebron- | W |
| Kankakee Valley- | L |
| Benton Central Trny- | 3W |
| Valparaiso- | L |

Sectionals

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|-----------|---|
| Highland- | W |
| Munster- | L |

22-10

Mary
Erpelding



Sportsmanship

Jackie
Wojcik



Spirit of Red Devil
Volleyball

Nicole
Johnson



Most Aces

Ashley Lukasik



The Floor Burn Award

JV GIRLS

V O L L E Y B A L L



JV Team picture from bottom left: Kelly Johnson, Hannah Penman, Nicole Fletcher, Nicole Lewondowski, Sidney Schuttrow, Rachel Thiel, Jen Schiesle, Lizzy Denton, Amy Denton, Whitney Magley, Megan Wilbourn, Carrie Shelhart, and Coach Erin Malaski.

SCOREBOARD

North Newton-
Merrillville-
Hanover-
Wheeler-
Hammond Clark-
Andrean Trny.-
Griffith-
Hammond Gavit-
Hammond High-
Hobart-
Bishop Noll-
Crown Point-
Andrean-
Calumet-
Highland-
Lake Central-
Portage-
Whiting-
Lowell Trny-
Hammond Morton-
Lake Station-
Munster-
Highland Trny.-
Hebron-
Kankakee Valley-
LAC Trny.-
Valparaiso-

24-6

With a winning record of 24-6 the girls JV volleyball team was a powerhouse this season. With a team of 4 juniors, 7 sophomores, and one freshman expectations were high. The girls went almost an entire season without a loss. One of the team's fondest memories of the season was the Andrean JV Tournament. The girls dominated all day and walked out with a first place trophy. The girls worked very hard all season and it obviously paid off.

The girls celebrate the win of a hard fought point! Yeaahhhhh!



Above top: Whitney Magley slams the ball down!



Above: Winner of the Sportsmanship Award, Lizzy Denton!



Above center: Megan Wilbourn and Kelly Johnson get ready for action!



Above left: Carrie Shelhart gets low to cover Sidney Schuttrow!



Above right: Rachel Thiel shows some emotion!

FRESHMEN GIRLS

V O L L E Y B A L L



The team from bottom left: Nicole Adams, Lauren Lukasik, Cathy Saberniak, Leilani Mroczkowski, Jenn Draper, Kati Capps, Mollie Ramstrom, asst. coach Korey, Ashley Jones, mgr. Noelle Ostapkowicz, and coach Monica Scheidt.

Below: The team gazes in awe as teammate Leilani Mroczkowski goes up to spike the ball.



The girls get in a line to warm up for the big game!

Amy Denton gets ready!

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| North Newton- | W |
| Kankakee Valley- | W |
| Hobart- | W |
| Griffith- | L |
| Andrean- | L |
| Hammond Gavit- | L |
| Hammond High- | W |
| Lake Station- | W |
| Bishop Noll- | W |
| Boone Grove Tny- | W-W-W-L |
| Merrillville- | W |
| Rensselaer- | W |
| Griffith- | W |
| Portage- | L |
| Hanover- | W |
| Calumet- | W |
| Andrean- | L |
| Hammond Morton- | L |
| Lake Central- | L |
| Hebron- | W |
| Munster- | L |



Ashley Jones sets up teammate Mollie Ramstrom for the kill!



Left: Cathy Saberniak, winner of the Sportsmanship Award, leaps into the air to slam the ball down!



BOYS VARSITY

S O C C E R

The Varsity Soccer team worked extremely hard preparing for the fall season. They had some disappointments but there were also numerous victorious moments. Their defensive and offensive game had both positive and negative aspects. With a younger team they didn't have much experience, but they seemed to click as a team. We all look forward to the years to come.

Sam Paunovici kicks the ball. Sam was a key player this year for both offense and defense.



Below Center: Joey Klidas, the Varsity goalkeeper, had an excellent season.

Below: The Varsity team walks in after a game.



Right: Jon Atwood and Kyle Cavalek stand on guard, ready to block a shot



Far right: Marc Hicks shows off the skills that earned him MVP.





Boys Soccer Team: Cameron Blunt, Stan Holder, Josh Zagarena, Joey Klidas, Kyle Gavalek, Pat Donovan, Marc Hicks, Coach Coil, Coach Moore, Ross Smith, John Atwood, Ben Drawbaugh, Kevin Morales, Nico Vaandrager, Sam Paunovici, Juan Sotelo, Gena Ritsema and Devin Hannon.

SCOREBOARD

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| Hobart | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Bishop Noll | L |
| Andrean | L |
| Rensselear | T |
| Clark | W |
| Chesterton | T |
| Kankakee | T |
| Laporte | L |
| Gavit | W |
| Hammond | L |
| E.C. | T |
| Boone Grove | L |
| Morton | T |
| Wheeler | W |
| Sectionals | L |



Left: The Varsity team gets pumped before a game.

Offensive Player



Sam
Paunovici

MVP



Marc
Hicks

Most Improved



Chase
Parkinson

L-Club



Cameron
Blunt

Defensive Player



Joey
Klidas



GIRL'S VARSITY

S O C C E R

The girls soccer team had a rollercoaster of a year, finishing with a winning season of 9-7 for 2003. Leading the Lady Red Devils were seniors Megan Flores, Megan Bachinski, Lyndsie Vitolo, and foreign exchange student Maria Athanasopoulos. The team had numerous accomplishments, but a unanimous vote finds beating Griffith for the first time ever as number one. "Our victory over Griffith got us pumped. It was the first in LHS girls soccer history. We played together as a true team, had fun, and kicked butt. We were extremely excited!" stated Vitolo. In addition to their victory, Junior Katie Cooper claims "the J.V. team was practically a cheerleading squad. They wore crazy hats and made good luck posters. That was the best part of the season." As the season came to an end, co-captain Megan Flores expressed her emotions: "The end of the season was the hardest part. I knew that I was almost done and I wasn't ready to be finished. I didn't want to leave my team behind." The ladies suffered a heartbreaking loss at sectionals while both Flores and co-captain Bachinski were out with injuries. With the loss of only four seniors, the future of Red Devils soccer looks bright.

Seniors Megan Bachinski, Maria Athanasopoulos, Lyndsie Vitolo, and Megan Flores pose with Coach Ande.



"My favorite memory of the season is the Griffith game-everyone was so happy and the bus ride home was crazy!" Ashley Consentino



The Devils starting line-up: (from left) Melissa Buche, Megan Flores, Ashley Consentino, Katie Cooper, Danielle Hisaw, Bailey Wagner, Aurum Suggs, Michelle Johnson, Jen Sharkey, and Lyndsie Vitolo.

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Rensselaer | W |
| Bishop Noll | W |
| Andrean | L |
| Hobart | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Wheeler | L |
| Benton Central | W |
| East Chicago | W |
| Gavit | W |
| Boone Grove | L |
| Morton | L |
| Clark | W |
| Hebron | W |
| Kankakee Valley | L |
| Hebron | W |
| Griffith | W |
| Sectionals | L |



Captains Megan Flores (far left), and Megan Bachinski (left) were both phenomenal leaders for the ladies this year.

Below: Katie Cooper, Autumn Suggs, Michelle Johnson, Elizabeth Kalvitas, Melissa Buche and Emily Runyon take a lap around the field to warm up.



Danielle Hisaw and Ashley Cicillian show off Hisaw's legendary orange shoes.



Far Left : Katie Cooper laughs as she passes the ball.
Left: Melissa Buche makes another great save.

MVP



Megan Flores

Sportsmanship



Katie Cooper

L-Club



Megan Bachinski

Most Improved



Bailey Wagner

Offensive Player



Ashley Consentino

Defensive Player



Jen Sharkey



S O C C E R

GIRLS JV

With the limited amount of games this season for the J.V. soccer team, they did a tremendous job of keeping their spirits up. "It was a challenge to keep the level of play up and also keep the morale of the girls high, so we could be ready when it was finally game time.", says Coach Allison, the girls' coach, regarding the difficulties of coaching this year. Even though neither of the teams had a great record, they worked hard and tried to keep a positive attitude. Due to the addition of several new players of varying skill levels, this season proved to be one of learning. The older, more experienced players really helped to make it a fun and exciting year for the girls playing for the first time at high school level. Coach Allison is again quoted in saying, "The J.V. and Varsity are like one team and their devotion to each other, on and off the field, is amazing." The J.V. teams both had true spirit, and move up to Varsity next season.

Right: Jennifer Sharkey dribbles down the field.

Below Right: Maria Athanasopoulos with host parents.

Below: Junior Varsity Captain Robyn Finley with coaches. "J.V. is mostly a time for players to perfect their skills and get ready to be on Varsity," says Robyn. "That is mostly what we did. Even the most inexperienced players made improvements throughout the season. That was our goal, and we believe that we achieved it."



Coach Coil gives his team a pep talk during halftime.



BOYS JV



S O C C E R

Freshman goalie Bojan Radjan was a big addition to the J.V. team this year, and played on Varsity as well.



Ben Drawbaugh and Chase Parkinson warm up before a game.



William Tatge stumbles to recover his balance when an opposing player goes down.



Freshman Pat Donovan races to get the ball.



VARSITY BOYS

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Lowell's Varsity Cross Country Team deserves a pat on the back for their accomplishments this year. The team was lead by senior Kyle Spicer and junior Steven Smith who both advanced to State. Congratulations to both of them and to the entire team for their season this year. Without a doubt the season was an overall success with 12 out of 14 races taking first or placing in the top three.

"This was my best year of cross country. Every race I ran as hard as I could, and made it all the way," Senior, Kyle Spicer.

Junior Steven Smith gives it his all and exclaims, "...I would like to see everyone back next year!"



Senior David Schoon pulls it together in the end.

Junior Donnie Smith and freshman Nick Perfetti take strides together.

Senior Mike O'Hare doesn't even break a sweat.

Most Valuable



Kyle Spicer



Steve Smith

Most Improved



Gregg Liebhe



Brice Burge

L-Club Leadership



Steve Smith

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Laporte | 2nd Place |
| Hammond Invite | 2nd of 12 |
| Conference Meet | 2nd of 7 |
| Hebron | Won 18-43 |
| Conference Meet | 3rd of 8 |
| Lowell Invite | 1st of 14 |
| Highland | Won 26-29 |
| Highland Invite | 2nd of 14 |
| Hobart | 2nd of 14 |
| LAC Meet | 1st of 16 |
| Sectional | 2nd of 12 |
| Regional | 3rd of 10 |
| Semi State | 10th of 20 |
| State: | |
| Kyle Spicer | 80th |
| Steven Smith | 88th |



This year Coach Manes is remembered by his inspirational quote, "Run the first two miles with your head, and last 1.1 miles with your heart."



In this crowd of runners, can you spot our Lowell boys?



Junior Tommy Worozyllo takes everything in stride.



Top row: Coach Manes, Andy Cleveland, Gregg Liebbe, Scott Parente, Kyle Spicer, Dave Pattee. Middle: Brice Burge, Steve Smith, Donny Smith, David Schoon. Bottom: Tommy Worozyllo, Cody Willis, Eric Stewart, and Nick Perfetti.

Top Senior



Kyle Spicer

Top Junior



Steve Smith

Top Sophomore



Andy Cleveland

Top Freshman



Cody Willis



GIRL'S

C R O S S C O U N T R Y

Despite many injuries, the Running Red Devils had a victorious season, which ended with an advancement to semi-state. Kelly Willis, Sectional Champion of 2002, was sidelined with a stress fracture before the season began, and was unable to compete again until the final meet. In addition, freshman Kara Lamb injured her leg and was forced to cheer her teammates on from the sidelines. But the remaining girls, lead by seniors Sarah Martin, Candace Martin, Toni Clapp, Becca Parilac, and Alysha Tomlins, refused to give up without a fight and practiced twice a day. In addition, many ran on their own time. The team's hard work paid off when they placed 5th at regionals, advancing to semi-state for the fourth consecutive year. Congratulations on a great season!

Junior Shay Travis runs a cool down with the rest of her team after a home win. "Personally, I'd have to say our team's greatest victory was the Bob Thomas Invite. We all ran really well. We finished 2nd to Munster, and afterwards we all fit in Naumo's Echo."

"The team was awesome this year. Everyone got along, we had a ton of fun, and we still ended up qualifying for Semi-state," said Toni Clapp



Shown here with Lauren Sypulski, Brittany Lump states, "The thing I enjoyed most was the time we spent as a team at team meals, Pizza Hut, and TP-ing Naumo's house."

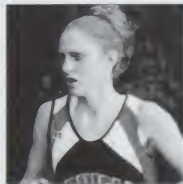
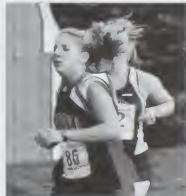
When asked about her most difficult moment, Senior Candace Martin shown here with Sarah Martin, replies, "This was my first year running distance, so it was really difficult for me to figure out my pace, but I eventually got used to it."

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Merrillville | W |
| Gavit Invite | 5th (of 7) |
| Conference | 4th (of 7) |
| Hebron | L |
| Conference- Highland | 3rd (of 8) |
| Conference- Griffith | 5th (of 8) |
| Lowell Invite | 2nd (of 12) |
| Highland | W |
| Highland Invite | 7th (of 17) |
| Hobart | 3rd (of 10) |
| LAC | 5th (of 16) |
| Sectionals | 4th (of 10) |
| Regionals | 5th (of 10) |



Running Red Devils (clockwise)
Alysha Tomlins, Monica Jezior, Kelly
Willis, Amber Schimdt, Kara Lamb,
Shay Travis, and Jessie Norton.



Most
Improved



Shay Travis

L-Club



Sarah Martin

Sportsmanship



Alysha Tomlins

Co-MVP



Brittany Lump

Co-MVP



Toni Clapp

G I R L ' S O L F

Johanna Hess walks away with another win.



"My favorite memory was going to Applebee's and having loads of fun and we all got to know each other a little better."

Amanda Schultz

"My most difficult moment was when I had to play against a girl from another school for the first time."

Jessica McBroom

The Girls Golf team had a successful season, despite their youth and inexperience. Led by captain Johanna Hess, the girls had numerous accomplishments, such as advancing to Regionals and finishing the season at 13-7. "The team's greatest victory was getting 3rd at Sectionals," states Junior Molly Winel. Coach John Becker claims that, "My favorite memory of the season wasn't making it to Regionals; it was standing on the first tee at Briar Ridge and watching each of my golfers hit perfect drives right down the middle." With the loss of Seniors Johanna Hess, Sarah Maloney, Sara Claes, Jen Lindamer, and Claudia Smith, the team has plans to work hard in the off-season in order to come back big next season.

Sara Cales gives advice to the underclassmen: "Have fun in high school, it goes by way to fast. Try the lemonade slushies at Palmira."



Team Photo (from bottom left) Claudia Smith, Johanna Hess, Amanda Hamilton, Jessica McBroom, Sarah Maloney, (top) Kristen Wass, Jen Lindamer, Molly Winel, Brianna Lambert, Sara Cales, Amanda Schultz, and Brooke Seramer.



"Mr. Becker's driving this year was almost better than Sara Cale's driving. (In other words not very good!)" - Brooke Seramer

Below: From Left; Brooke Seramer, Molly Winel, Mr. Becker, Sara Cales, and Sarah Maloney pose at Regionals.



"Our team had a golf sleepover and we made shirts with our nicknames on the back to promote spirit." States Molly Winel, shown here with Brooke Seramer.

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Bishop Noll | W |
| Andrean/K.V. | W/W |
| Lake Central Invite | 7th Place |
| K.V. Invite | 9th Place |
| Rensselaer Invite | 11th Place |
| Munster/Hobart | L/W |
| Calumet/Wheeler | W/W |
| South Newton/W. Central | W/W |
| Hanover Central | L |
| Merrillville/N. Newton | W/W |
| Lake Central/Hanover | W/L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Boone Grove | W |
| Chesterton | L |
| LAC | 4th Place |
| LaPorte Invite | 8th Place |
| Portage/Wheeler | L/W |
| Rensselaer | L |
| Sectionals | 3rd Place |
| Regionals | 9th Place |

"Qualifying for Regionals and finishing 3rd in conference was awesome." Johanna Hess



MVP/L-Club/
Sportsmanship

Most
Improved



Johanna Hess



Sara Cales



BOYS

TENNIS

"While the line up bodes well for the future, the Red Devils found themselves overmatched against some teams this year," said Coach Gianotti. Last year the loss of some outstanding seniors created a great hardship for this year's team, but some new talent was gained as well. The young team gave a tremendous effort despite going against tougher more experienced competitors. Despite the fact that the wins were not overwhelming, the progress was undeniable. The devotion seen in each of the players was reflected in their improvement. With two-a-day practices during the summer, everyday during the school year, and commitment even on Sundays without a coach, the boys' dedication was obvious. Some of the freshmen played varsity as well as some on junior varsity. With a little foreign help and with great leadership and guidance from the older players, the young freshmen gained a world of experience which will help them for years to come. Now with experience under their belts, next year will be looking at a tough team. The 2004 campaign could see the Red Devils climb back to the top of the area tennis teams.

Rodney Cusic sets up to serve a winner.



The team lines up on the court before a match.



A little foreign flavor from Martin Melin as he shows off his moves.



Doubles partners Chris Haugh and Chris Rosevear discuss strategy on the court.

Most
Improved

L-Club
Award

Varsity
Rookie

Mental Attitude

M.V.P.

J.V. Player
of the Year



Newton



Stoner



Palmer



Fedler and Wieand

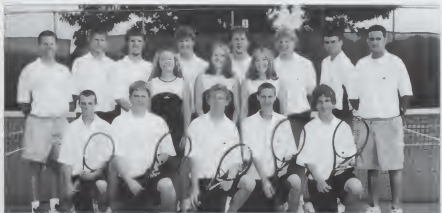


Cusic



Esenberg

Team picture: Top Row left to right- Coach Joseph Gianotti, Mike Weiland, Rodney Cusic, Trevor Jones, Jonathan Newton, Andrew Newton, Mike Stoner, and Kevin Deal. Middle Row- managers Natalie Bruce, Amy Comstock, and Ashley Boyer. Front Row- Chad Fedler, Chris Haugh, Dustin Palmer, Cameron Wietbrock, and Bobby Esenberg.



"There's no way I could have made it through this year without the dedication from each of my managers; the y were great," states Gianotti. Above he gives some last minute advice to the boys in the team huddle.



Top: Mike Stoner raises his arms in a victorious cry.

Bottom: Freshman Dustin Palmer and Cameron Wietbrock stretch out while getting ready to play.

Cusic leads singles and earns all-state position

The number one singles player for this year was Rodney Cusic. He fought hard in all of his matches and lost only to the highest ranked players in the district. He is a great leader for the team and also an inspiration with his positive attitude and work ethic. A heated match against Munster allowed his character to show through. The match lasted three sets and had to relocate to a lighted court because of impending darkness, and ended in a tiebreaker. Although the intense match concluded with a victory for Munster, Rodney walked off with his head held high and an outstanding match played. Rodney finished off the season with a 14-5 record and swept the area in post season awards. Cusic became the first singles player from Lowell to ever earn second team all-state.



Senior Jonathan Newton crouches for a kill. When asked his favorite quote of the year, Jon replied, "Those who play with fire, wet the bed."

SCOREBOARD

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Twin Lakes- L (1-4) | Griffith- W (5-0) | Wheeler- W (5-0) |
| Lake Central- L (1-4) | Crown Point- L (2-3) | Hammond Morton- W (5-0) |
| Chesterton- L (2-3) | Kankakee Valley- W (3-2) | Merrillville- L (1-4) |
| Highland- L (2-3) | Munster- L (1-4) | Sectionals- L (1-4) |
| Andrean- W (3-2) | | |

VARSITY BOYS

BASKETBALL



Front row L-R managers: Haley McLean, Katie Hendricks, Tiffany Ball, and Megan Willbourn. Middle Row L-R: JV Joe Kerwin, Shaun Hlad, Varsity Dustin Manis, Zack Stiener, Jimmy Jeffries, Jason Corns, Greg Johnson, JV Ryan Lindemer, Austin Hamm, Will Targe. Back row L-R: JV Coach Chuck Bishop, JV Mike Dowling, Mark Cisco, Ben Drabja, Varsity Scott Schultz, Mike Stoner, Mike Miller, Jeff Clemens, JV Trevor Jones, Justin Jackson, Kyle Metz Varsity Coach Mike Magley

Right: Senior Jimmy Jeffries goes for the rebound against a Hanover player.



Far right: Coach Magley talking to the players during a time out.



L-Club



Greg Johnson

Co-Most Improved



Dustin Manis

Co-Most Improved



Zac Stiener

MVP
Free Throws
Rebounds



Jimmy Jeffries

Pride,
Desire,
Dedication



Jason Corns

Senior Mike Miller sets up the offense during the North Newton game.



Senior Jason Corns goes up to score against Whiting.



Senior Zack Stiener shoots for two during the North Newton game.



Far Left; Senior Mike Stoner passes the ball during the North Newton game.

Left; Senior Dustin Manis looks for the basket to score against Bishop Noll.

Assists
and Steals



Mike Miller

Sportsmanship



Mike Stoner

Scoreboard

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| North Newton | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Clark | W |
| Lake Station | W |
| Gavit LAC Tourney | W |
| LAC Tourney | L |
| Hanover | W |
| Wheeler | L |
| Hammond High | L |
| Whiting | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| Gavit | L |
| Morton | W |
| West Side | L |
| Hobart | L |
| Griffith | L |
| Highland | L |
| Munster | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Bishop Noll | L |

SECTIONALS

| | |
|--------------|---|
| East Chicago | L |
|--------------|---|

J V BOYS

"We have really started to work together as a team" states Sophomore Ryan Lindemer in regards to the J.V. basketball teams' overall progress together. "We worked together and our turnovers dropped a lot by the end of the season." says Joe Kerwin, also a sophomore. It is obvious that their growth was an important part of the season. Attitude and hard work went a long way this year to help the team achieve their 10-10 record. * the JV team is pictured in the varsity team picture

BASKETBALL

William Tatge takes an open court for a break-away



Shawn Hlad scrambles for the loose ball



Ryan Lindemer and Justin Jackson are there on the rebound



Kyle Metz takes it down court

JV Sportsmanship



Ryan Lindemer

FRESHMAN BOYS

The freshman season was about seeing their hard work pay off and their camaraderie excel. Everyone improved their game enormously and it lead to a winning season record. Winning some fierce battles and growing into a team have been ultimate achievements. Beating Munster in the last second of the game became the favorite memory of the season. The leadership example the team received from the upperclassmen helped them achieve many goals and sets their sights on a competitive season next year.



The Freshman Team

Top: Dan Dubowski, Jon Harker, Jon Cap, Mike Weiland, Brian Gerlach, and Nico Vaandrager.

Middle: Coach McClanahan, Cameron Wietbrock, Adam Pockrus, Aaron Corns, Nathan Korth and Adric Trusgnich.

Bottom: Cody Willis, Bojan Radjevic, Tyler Overdorf, Josh Kuiper, and Shane Kozlowski

JV SCOREBOARD

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Highland | L |
| Munster | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Bishop Noll | L |
| Hammond Morton | W |
| Gary West Side | L |
| Hobart | L |
| Griffith | W |
| North Newton | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Hammond Clark | W |
| Lake Station | W |
| Hanover | W |
| Wheeler | L |
| Hammond | L |
| Whiting | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| Hammond Gavit | W |

FRESHMAN SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Hebron | W |
| Munster | W |
| Hammond Clark | W |
| Wheeler | L |
| Andrean | W |
| Highland | W |
| North Newton | L |
| Kankakee Valley | W |
| Hammond Gavit | W |
| Griffith | L |
| Hanover | L |
| Hammond | W |
| Lake Station | W |
| Hobart | W |
| Calumet | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Lake Central | L |
| Hammond Morton | W |

Freshman
Sportsmanship



Josh Kuiper

B A S K E T B A L L

VARSITY GIRLS



Above: The Varsity Team
Front row L-R Back: Coach Katie Porento, Coach Holdeman, manager Lindsey Jones, Julie Swisher, Megan Bachinski, Wendy Broukal, McKensy Wietbrock, Rachel Thiel, Lisa Schulfer, Brooke Bell, Coach McCormack, Coach Coil. Front: Reed Holdeman, Whitney Magley, Natalie Hanas, Ashley Cosentino, Bailey Wagner, & manager Vicky Hathaway.



Lisa Schulfer sets up a shot under the hoop.

Coach McCormack plans the strategy during a time out



SCOREBOARD

| | |
|--------------|---|
| North Newton | W |
| Morton | W |
| Hanover | W |
| Andrean | W |
| Crown Point | L |
| Hobart | W |
| Hammond | W |
| Griffith | W |
| Highland | L |
| Calumet | W |
| Rossville | W |
| Carroll | W |
| Bishop Noll | L |
| Griffith | L |
| K.V. | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| Highland | L |
| Whiting | W |
| Munster | W |
| Merrillville | L |
| Hammond | W |
| Munster | W |
| EC Central | L |

Defensive Devil



Natalie Hanas

L-Club Leadership



Brooke Bell

The strong varsity team led the girls to a great season. They worked hard and were as committed to the team as they were to each other. Everyone worked well as a team and in turn played well. The end result has been a combination of sheer talent and hard work.

Brooke Bell "gives 5" to her teammates as the starting line up is announced



Rachel Theil on defense



Above: McKensy Wietbrock drives past a defender.

Far Left: Natalie Hanas looks for an open player

Left: McKensy Wietbrock, Lisa Schulfer, Brooke Bell, Mary Erpelding, Megan Bachinski and Natalie Hanas hang out in the locker room.



Free Throw
Award

Co-Mental
Attitude

MVP
Best Offensive
Rebound

Most
Improved



McKensy Wietbrock

Mary Erpelding

Megan Bachinski

Lisa Schulfer

Rachel Theil

BASKETBALL

JV GIRLS

The girls JV Basketball team had a successful season this year, with a record of 12-6. The ladies started off their year with a double win against both North Newton and Morton before losing to Hanover. In addition, many of the girls also played on Varisty as well. Coached by Greg Holdeman and Scott Coil, the future of Lady Devil Basketball looks bright.

Coach Holdeman goes over a play.



Whitney Magley plays defense on a Calumet player

Right: Julie Swisher has her eyes on the hoop.

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|----------------|---|
| North Newton | W |
| Morton | W |
| Hanover | L |
| Andrean | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| Hobart | L |
| LAC Tourney | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Lowell Tourney | W |
| Bishop Noll | W |
| Griffith | W |
| K.V. | W |
| Lake Central | W |
| Highland | L |
| Whiting | W |
| Munster | L |
| Merrillville | W |
| Hammond High | W |



FRESHMAN GIRLS

The Freshman team showed great potential this season as they held a winning record of 10-7. With a team of 14, one of the team's greatest accomplishments this year was winning the Kankakee Valley Invite. In addition, the Lady Devils pulled together in their first year of high school to learn to play as a team.

Michelle Johnson, Kara Lamb, and Jessie Norton pose for a picture with their coaches after winning the Kankakee Valley Invite.



Kelly Johnson was a huge addition to the JV team this year, being the only freshman who was moved up.



The team enjoys a night at Pizza Hut after a win.

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Morton | W |
| Merrillville | L |
| Rensselaer | W |
| Hammond High | L |
| Munster | W |
| Calumet | W |
| Lake Central | L |
| Highland | W |
| Wheeler | W |
| Griffith | L |
| Chesterton | L |
| Andean | W |
| Gavit | W |
| Hobart | W |
| K.V. | L |
| Crown Point | L |
| K.V. Tournay | W |

FRESHMAN SPORTSMANSHIP



Jessie Norton

JV SPORTSMANSHIP



Bailey Wagner

GIRL'S Y M N A S T I C S

The Varsity Gymnastics team welcomed back senior veteran Katie Vanes this year, who came back to the sport after two years with the diving team. She was joined by juniors Brynn O'Keefe and Julie Eberle, sophomore Autumn

Burbach, and freshmen Amber Burbach, Tiffany Frevert, Kody Palmer, Sara Webber, and Jaime Elston. The gymnastics team had to relocate this year, due to construction, which meant there would be no home meets. Instead, they made the best out of traveling to every meet by bonding together. The Lady Devils started out the season at Portage Pairs, where Vanes and O'Keefe teamed up to place 12th, in addition to the Burbach's competing. Shortly after that Amber Burbach broke her arm during practice, and was out for the season. Highlights of the rest of the year included the Harrison Invite, where the ladies got their highest team score, and the Senior Night at Crown Point. Good luck to both Katie and the team in the future!

Jaime Elston, Kody Palmer, Autumn Burbach, Amber Burbach, Brynn O'Keefe, Katie Vanes, and Tiffany Frevert stop for a bite to eat after the Harrison Invite.



Right: Tiffany Frevert, Kody Palmer, and Jaime Elston watch routines



Far Right: Katie Vanes "gets in the zone" before a meet.



The Lady Red Devils: (Front) Autumn Burbach, Katie Vanes
(Middle) Kody Palmer, Brynn O'Keefe, Sara Webber, Amber Burbach,
Julie Eberle, Jaime Elston. (Back) Coach Nicole Conner.
Not Pictured: Tiffany Frevert, Asst. Coach Susan Vanes



Below: Autumn Burbach completes her bar routine at La Porte.



Left: Co-
captains Katie
Vanes and
Brynn
O'Keefe smile
for the
camera.



Far Left:
Amber
Burbach
shows her cast.

Center: Katie
Vanes poses
during her
floor routine.

Left: Injured
Julie Eberle
shows off.

Sportsmanship



Brynn O'Keefe

MVP & L-Club



Katie Vanes

Coaches' Choice



Autumn Burbach

Most Improved



Amber Burbach

ATHLETIC

TRAINING

The student athletes of Lowell High School play their hardest, and accidents are bound to occur in sports. Because of this, Mr. Bales adopted a student athletic training program for every season. These girls are trained in CPR and know how to handle virtually any situation. In addition, Mr. Bobby Wong, who was instantly very popular, joined the staff this year as head Athletic Trainer. The staff works hard throughout the whole year for the athletes, including starting in July and attending 2-a-days, and going up until the last game or meet in fall. The athletic department would like to sincerely thank the staff for all their time and effort - it is much appreciated.

Fall Staff: Front: McKenzie Bales, Nicole Ford, Alyssa Lukasik, Brynn O'Keefe, Back: Mr. Wong, Natalie Collom, Christine Fix, and Kim Braden.



Mr. Bobby Wong was a great addition to the staff at Lowell High School this year.



Winter Staff: Front: Mary Favors, Natalie Collom, Krystal Pigg, Nicole Ford, Back: Jaymee Gaspar, Michelle Favors, Sarah Crulich, Lauren Lukasik, Chrissy Dmitrovich, Mr. Wong



Spring Staff: Jaymee Gaspar, Megan Flores, Kim Braden, McKenzie Bales, Tina Arnold, Natalie Collom, Chrissy Dmitrovich and Mr. Wong

Below Left: Jaymee Gaspar, Chrissy Dmitrovich and Natalie Collom hang out during a practice

Below: Fall training partners, McKenzie Bales and Alyssa Lukasik at a JV football game



Mary Favors, Christine Fik, Brynn O'Keefe, Kim Braden, and D. Lang catch up during half-time of a Varsity football game

CO-MVP

Sportsmanship

L-Club

Most Improved



Chrissy Dmitrovich & Jaymee Gaspar

Megan Flores

Natalie Collom

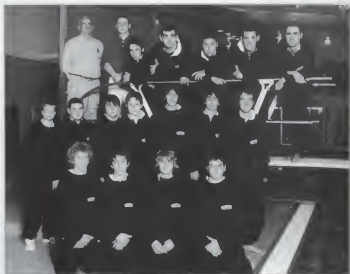
Rachel Voss

S W I M M I N G & D I V I N G

BOYS

The 2003- 2004 boys swimming and diving team had a very successful season. The boys were pushed to new limits by first time coach, Nick Schuyler. They spent their off-season conditioning out of the pool so they would be ready to get in! With a winning season, all of that hard work really paid off. Along with all of the work came a lot of fun in and out of the pool. The end of the season was bittersweet: sad to be at the end but happy to be able to cheer on state qualifier, Nick Perfetti. It had been a while since one of the boys had made it down to state, but Nick, only a freshman, showed what he could do when it counted. With swimmers like this, the boys will be sure to have many more great seasons!

Back: Coach Bader, Coach Schuyler, Kyle Govert, Mar Anderson, Casey Rosner, Ryan Leoni, Brett Bernotus Middle: John Heaviland, Eric McGee, Eugene Speers, Chad Sandin, Jesse Coomer, Troy Govert, Steve Smith Front: Dustin Palmer, Bobby Essenberg, Nicolas Perfetti, John Proud



Right: The boys warm up one final time before their races!



Right bottom: Casey Rosner comes up for a breath as he swims his heart out! Far Right: Kyle Govert concentrates as he gets ready to take the plunge!



Co-Most Valuable
6 & 11 Dive High Score



Kyle Govert

Co-Most Valuable
& State Qualifier



Nick Perfetti

Most Improved
& L-Club



Eric McGee

Sportsmanship
Award



Troy Govert



Far left top:
Ryan Leoni
practices off
the block
Left top: Troy
Govert does
the
breaststroke
Left center:
Eric McGee
makes it look
easy
Left bottom:
Nick Perfetti
warms up his
starts
Far Left
bottom:
Dustin
Palmer, Bobby
Essenberg,
Casey Rosner,
and
John Haberlin
have a little
fun at
the meet!



SCOREBOARD

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Lake Central- | L |
| Munster- | L |
| Hobart Invite- | 4th |
| Hobart- | W |
| Twin Lakes Invite- | 3rd |
| Calumet- | W |
| LaPorte- | 6th |
| Merrillville- | W |
| Lowell Invite- | 3rd |
| Highland- | L |
| South Newton- | W |
| Wheeler- | W |
| Crown Point- | L |
| Hammond Morton- | W |
| Highland- | L |
| Kankakee Valley- | W |
| LAC- | 7th |
| Rensselaer- | L |
| Crown Point- | L |
| Hammond Morton- | W |
| Griffith- | L |
| Sectionals- | 6th |
| State- Nick Perfetti- | 25th |

8-8



Above: John Proud pushes as he does freestyle.

Above: Dustin Palmer takes a big breath!

GIRLS

SWIMMING & DIVING

"Popcorn, potato chips, munch, munch, munch...We think Griffith is a mighty fine bunch!" This is a cheer that the girls do after every meet they win to show their good sportsmanship and appreciation of the other team. The 2003-2004 girls swimming and diving team had an excellent year, finishing the season with a winning record of 10-4. Coached by Jennifer Vavrek, the girls began their training in October and worked hard through February. Obviously, all of the hard work paid off. Along with all of the work, of course, there was a lot of fun. The girls had a blast this year and although the seniors will be missed, they are all looking forward for the next season to start!

Right: Sarah Maloney and Jessica Blandford laugh after a race.
Far Right: Kate Blanchard comes up for a breath.



Right: Allissa Blandford pushes for a win.
Far Right: The girls warm up their starts.



Co-Most Valuable



Stephanie Maloney

Co-Most Valuable



Allissa Blandford

Most Improved



Jessica Panozzo

Back: Coach Vavrek, Coach Rader, Becca Vendetti, Brittany Johansen, Jessica Panozzo, Natalie Perfetti, Natalie Bruce, Sarah Maloney, Maria Athanasopoulos, Kim Stockebrandt, Ilaria Cardinaletti Middle: Nicole Pancini, Courtney Farmer, Katie Capps, Melissa Panozzo, Stephanie Maloney, Allissa Blandford, Ashley Sampson, Sarah Maloney, Kate Blanchard, Front: Monica Jezior, Samantha Hall, Samantha Stewart, Michelle Rimmel, Jennie Thornton, Kelly Dow, Ashley Jones Front: Becca McGee, Phoebe Bartolini (Not Pictured: Jessica Blandford, Kasey Anderson, Alicia Smith, Samantha Connell)





Far Left: The team warms up a final time before their next races.

Left: Katie Capps pumps her arms hard to advance herself in the race.



Far Left: Monica Jezior swims hard.

Left: All the way from South Africa, Maria swims the fly!



Far Left: Natalie Bruce swims a close race.

Left: Some of the girls goof around between their races.



Far Left: Sam Hall peeks up out of the water.

Left: Courtney Farmer and Phoebe Bartalini check their events.

Scoreboard

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| Griffith- | W |
| Munster- | L |
| Hammond Gavit- | W |
| Hobart- | W |
| Twin Lakes Invite | |
| Calumet- | W |
| Merrillville- | W |
| Lowell Invite | |
| Highland- | L |
| Wheeler- | W |
| South Newton- | W |
| LAC | |
| Crown Point- | L |
| Hammond Morton- | W |
| Kankakee Valley- | W |
| North Newton- | W |
| Rensselaer- | L |

10-4

L-Club Leadership



Monica Jezior

Turtle Award



Katie Capps

Sportsmanship Award



Kelly Dow

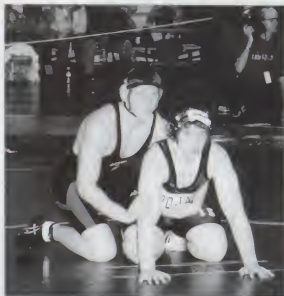
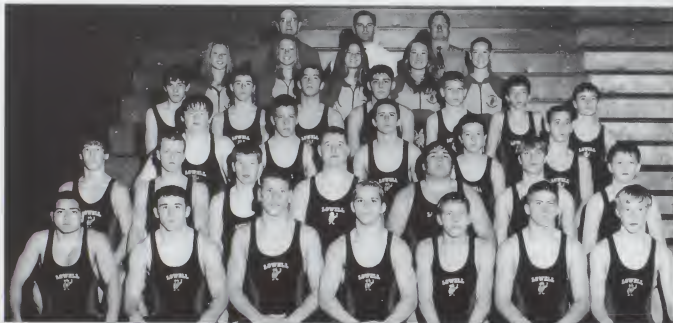


BOYS

WRESTLING

The '03-'04 wrestling season began as a success in winning the Lake Station Super Duals. This year the team was led by powerhouse senior Korey Klidas. In addition, Dan Arnold won sectionals as a Freshman. This year the team was young and had to overcome dozens of injuries but as they grow and mature as athletes, we can expect many winning seasons to come.

Wrestling Team Front row: Korey Klidas, Justin Henley, Garret Thiel, Asa Calloway, Mike McKenna, Erhan Winel, Max Znika. Second Row: Kyle O'Keefe, Frank Engen, Tony Hurst, Adam Holley, Joey Klidas, Vince Harding, Drew Steuer. Third row: Josh Hutchinson, Kyle Morrow, Erik Johannsen, Orie Nichols, Shawn Franz. Fourth Row: Keith Ping, Steve Smith, Cory Curris, Jerry Jackson, Dan Arnold, Ed Harber, Phil Pelham. Fifth Row: managers Mary Coffman, Brianna Lambert, Alicia Kender, Molly Winel, Katie Schultz. Sixth Row: Coaches Mark Line and C.J. Kimbrell



Garret Thiel waits for the start



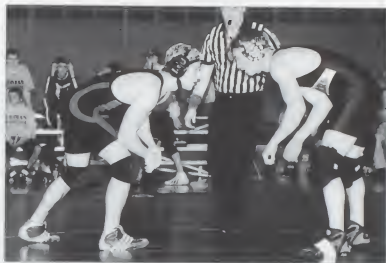
Josh Hutchinson works hard for his pin



A familiar sight: Korey Klidas with the win

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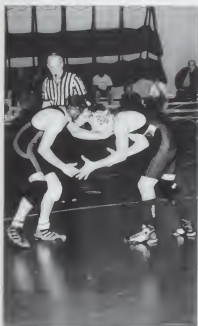
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| Lake Station Duals | W |
| Hobart | W |
| Portage | L |
| Chesterton | L |
| Calumet | 8th of 16 |
| Varsity Tourney | 1st of 6 |
| Mishawaka | 8th of 32 |
| Calumet | W |
| Tourney | 3rd of 24 |



Left:
Asa Calloway
prepares for a
win

Below:
Mike McKenna
fights to stay on
top

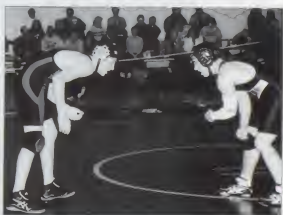
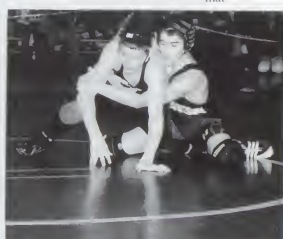
Far Below:
Jerry Jackson
takes to the
mat



Cory Curtis makes his move



Korey Klidas concentrates on the next move



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Ethan Winel



Frank Engen



Garret Thiel



Tony Hurst



Andrew Steuer



Korey Klidas

VARSITY BOYS

Back: Coach Hess, manager Johanna Hess, Mike Malino, Greg Johnson, Jason Corns, Clay Miller, Coach Bays, Matt Kuzma, Mike Smith, Eddie Overdorf, Nick Schares, Mike Beier, Kyle Metz, and Bobby Hayden.

B A S E B A L L

Nate Oaf congratulates pitcher Tatge



Right: Clay Miller watches the play very carefully
Far Right: Mike Stoner as catcher



Coaches, Bays, Hess & Becker enjoy the day at Railcat Stadium



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Batting Champ
Cy Young Award



Nate Oaf

Gold Glove
Award



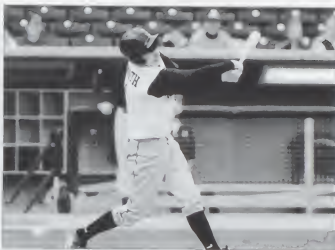
Mike Beier

L-Club

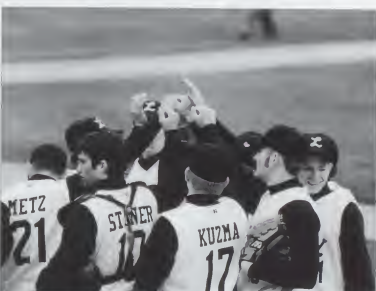


Mike Stoner

Jason Corns holds the runner at first



Left: Mike Smith gets a hit while playing at the Railcar Stadium



Far Left: Mike Beier hurls the ball over the plate

Left: the team gives a cheer



Far Left: Mike Smith gets the guy trying to steal second

Left: Eddie Overdorf warms up his arm

Sportsmanship



Clay Miller

B A S E B A L L

J V

Front Row: Andrew Schupp,
Kevin O'Connor, Zak Voss,
Stan Holder Middle Row:
Mgr. Courtney Dubord, Matt
Zfranski, Russell Daughtry,
Tony Martin Back Row: Mgr.
Katie Bailey, Nathan
Kleefisch, Zach Zolmer, David
Erpelding, Coach John
Becker Not pictured Ryan King



Kevin
highly
lunges for
the tag to
get the out
at third.



It's all
thumbs up
for Ryan
King.



Sportsmanship
Award



Zach Zolmer



Tony Martin glares as he waits for the pitch.



Russell Daugherty fields a grounder

With perfect form Jon Cap pitches in a strike.

FRESHMAN



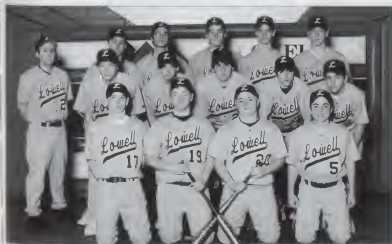
Left: Aaron Corns stretches at first to get the out.

Below Left: Josh Kuiper steps to the plate to faceoff against the pitcher

Below: Tyler Overdorf slides safely into second base.



B A S E B A L L



Front Row: Kyle O'Keefe, Nick Kutschke, Kyle White, Adam Levin
Middle Row: Brian Gerlach, Jon Stoner, Zach Hoffman, Tyler Overdorf,
Bobby Esenberg Back Row: Coach Shane Charpentier, Josh Kuiper, Jon Harker, Aaron Corns, Jon Cap, Brad Kerrick



Sportsmanship Award



Adam Levin

Baseball is cool!

VARSITY GIRLS

S O F T B A L L

The Varsity Girls Softball team had a lot of pressure on them this season. The team was very young, with only four seniors. Instead of buckling under the pressure, the girls rose to the challenge and ended up with a very successful, winning season of 20-9. The highlight of the season for many of the girls was the Penn Tournament. In past years, the girls hadn't seen much success in this tournament, but this year the girls went away with the first place trophy. The team was extremely happy about the big win. The girls had a wonderful year and are sad to see the end of the season. The seniors will be missed, but the rest of the girls can't wait to start up another successful season.

Back: Angela Baron, Tim Fugate, Cristin Just, Jennifer Lenzo, Hannah Penman, Liz Martin, Dana Johnson, Sidney Schuttrow, Coach Iussig Middle: Whitney Magley, Courtney Austgen, Kelly Johnson, Megan Bachinski, Vanessa Esenberg, Nicole Johnson, Jessica McBroom Front: Nicole Fletcher, Ashley Cicillian, Carrie Shelhart, Heather Stevens, and Amber Roberts



Right: The girls have a pow wow on the mound!
Far Right: Carrie Shelhart slaps away!



Right: Nicole Johnson gets down in position!
Far Right: Sidney Schuttrow is ready to field the ball!



MVP



Amber Roberts

Most Improved



Heather Stevens

L-Club



Jennifer Lenzo

Top Offense



Kelly Johnson

"Get Dirty" Award!



Liz Martin

Attitude & Hustle



Sidney Schuttrow



Left: Nicole Fletcher gets mentally ready to hit the ball!

Far Left: Liz Martin slides into home to score for the team.



Sportsmanship Awards



Nicole Johnson



Megan Bachinski

Above: Vanessa Esenberg pushes off the mound to throw in another strike.

Far Above: Ashley Cicillian digs in to give the ball a ride!

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Chesterton- | L |
| Valparaiso- | W |
| Portage- | L |
| Lake Station- | W |
| Highland- | L |
| Calumet- | W |
| Hobart- | W |
| Crown Point- | W |
| Gavit- | W |
| Hanover- | W |
| Kankakee Valley- | W |
| Morton- | W |
| Andrean- | L |
| Clark- | W |
| Griffith- | W |
| Twin Lake Trny- | L-L-W |
| Merrillville- | W |
| Bishop Noll- | W |
| Wheeler- | W |
| Munster- | L |
| Boone Grove- | W |
| Lake Central- | L |
| Benton Central- | W |
| Penn Trny- | W-W |

Sectionals

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Highland- | W |
| Lake Central- | L |

20-9

JV GIRLS

S O F T B A L L

The JV Girls Softball team had a tremendous season this year. Coached by Tom Stoner, the girls finished the season with an outstanding record of 22-3. The season left the girls with many memories they can take with them in the future. Many of the girls say the bus rides were one of their fondest softball times. The bus rides were a good pump up for all of them on the way to a big game!

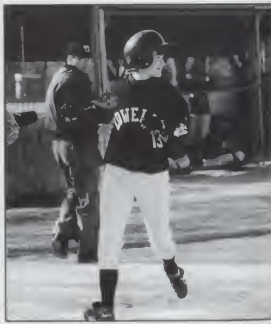
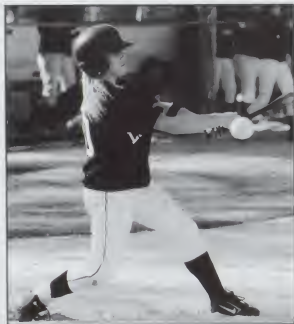
With the team having just a few losses, the future of Lowell Softball looks very promising. The girls had a blast this season, but all good things must come to an end. The girls are all anxiously waiting for the next season to come.



Back: Shanette King, Wendy Brotkal, Alicia Kender, Krystol Pigg, Michelle Johnson, Sarah Munjas, Coach Tom Stoner Middle: Nicole Ford, Tanya Muvceski, Ryssa Nord, Megan Wilbourn Front: Jennifer Kwiatkowski, Keena Thomas, Amanda Hamilton, Katie Long, and Abby Prasco.

Right: Katie Long extends her arms to hit the ball hard.

Far Right: Michelle Johnson scores one for the team.



Right: Amanda Hamilton hits balls into a net during warm-ups as the team cheers her on.

Far Right: The outfielders do a cartwheel for each out they receive.





Far Left: Keena Thomas and Krystol Pigg high-five after scoring runs for the team.

Left: Ryssa Nord pitches in another strike in a big game for the win.



Left: The girls meet on the mound for a proud T.E.A.M.!

Sportsmanship Award



Tanya Muvceski

SCOREBOARD

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Chesterton- | W |
| Valparaiso- | W |
| Portage- | W |
| Lake Station- | W |
| Highland- | W |
| Calumet- | W |
| Hobart- | W |
| Crown Point- | W |
| Gavit- | W |
| Hanover- | W |
| Kankakee Valley- | W |
| Morton- | W |
| Hammond- | W |
| Andrean- | W |
| Clark- | W |
| Griffith- | W |
| Merrillville- | W |
| Bishop Noll- | W |
| Wheeler- | W |
| Munster- | L |
| Lowell Tnry.- | W-W-L |
| Lake Central- | L |
| North Newton- | W |
| 22-3 | |



Megan Wilbourn sticks her glove out to catch the ball!



Abby Prasco flashes her coach a big grin!



BOYS

T R A C K & F I E L D

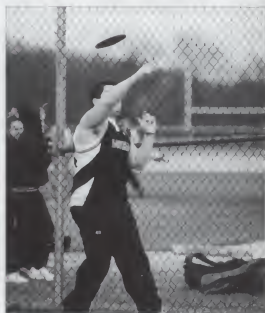
Pat Donovan
and Dave Pattee
lead the way in
the mile run



Right: Mike
Koza sprints
his leg of the
relay



Far Right:
Larin
Childress
throws the
discus



Andy Cleveland
gets the handoff
and begins his
leg of the mile
relay



Sportsmanship Varsity JV



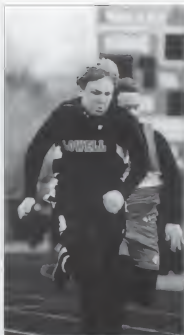
Steve Smith



Bryce Burge



Far Left: Jeff Clemens warms up on the pole vault.



Left Center: Dan Dubowski pushes hard in his sprinting event



Left: Corey McKinney in the long jump



Far Left: Toby Goetz keeps with the K.V. and Lake Station runners in the 100 yard dash



Left: Nico Vaandrager runs his leg of the mile relay

Most Improved



James Ritter

MVP Sprints



Mike Koza

MVP Field Events



Jeff Clemens

MVP Distance



Kyle Spicer

L-Club



David Schoon

GIRLS

T R A C K & F I E L D

What is the one of the only sports where your biggest competitor is time? Welcome to track and this years team, lead by Katie Vanes, Lisa Schulfur, Jennivee Blandford, Lindsay Vitolo, Becca Parilac, Kelly Willis, Toni Clapp, Natalia Bisteeta, and Allison Ellis. This year the girls endured grueling morning practices as well as regular after school practices. Congratulations to all the girls on a great season.

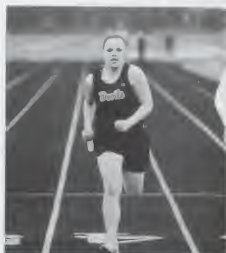


Senior Toni Clapp gives it her all.

With perfect form, Katie Vanes has no problem clearing the hurdle.



Freshman Joey Falls keeps up a good pace during her relay.



Junior Vicky Hathaway prepares to throw the shot put



Sophomore Ashlee Blink runs her leg of the relay.

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Toni Clapp

Co- MVP



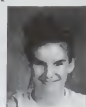
Katie Vanes

Co- MVP

Most Improved Sportsmanship



Rachel Thiel



Lisa Schulfur

The 2004 Girls Track & Field Team

Front Row: Lindsey Vitolo, Becca Parilac, Kelly Willis, Toni Clapp, Katie Vanes, Natasha, Allison Ellis, Jennie Blandford, Lisa Schuler. Second Row: Alyssa Lukasik, Ashlee Blink, Monica Jazier, Liz Kalvaitis, Brynn O'Keefe, Alissa Kregel, Amber Schmidt, Aimee Sunny, Third Row: Kara Lamb, Jessie Norton, Kaidlynn Jetson, Brittney Lump, Amy Kersey, Leilani, Tiffany Boege, Shey Travis, Fourth Row: Vicky Hathaway, Tiffany Traber, Courtney Farmer, Michelle Mentink, Robin Surber, Brooke Seramur, Ashley Jones, Alyssa Blandford, Rebecca McGee, Fifth Row: Coach Naumowich, Tiffany Worzolo, Brianna Lambert, Melanie Smith, Joey Falls, Melissa Buche, Rachel Thiel, Bailey Wagner, Stephanie Maloney, Coaches Desiree Dandurand, and Mr. Coil.



Sophomore Brittney Lump warms up on this cold day.



After a good hand-off, Lindsey Vitolo sprints towards the finish line.

Below: Some of the girls during a practice

Far Below: Junior Amber Schmidt pushes to the end.



Becca Parilac and Stephanie Maloney stay ahead of the competition.

BOYS

GOLF

What could be better than a nice spring day and a little bit of golf? Getting to do that all season long while playing on the Boys Golf team. This year's group of guys had a lot of opportunities for a win but came up short more often than they would have liked to. The experience they gained this season should allow them to come back next year and take better advantage of those opportunities when they come along.

Taking a breather, the Lowell team looks on together.



Front Row: Dan Sanger, Kenny Swuart, Chad Feddler, Middle Row: Nick Hudacin, Bobby Ballas, Dan Arnold, Drew Steuer, Back Row: Coach Becker, Josh Chermak, Myles Basso, Mike Weiand, John Huseman, Mike O'Hare, and Coach Hornickel

Below Top: Some last minute advice before the match begins.

Below Center: John Huseman tees off at the start of a match.



Coach Hornickel and Mike O'Hare chat it up during a match.



Far Left: Myles Basso puts towards the hole



Left: Martin Melin is chippin' the ball up on the green.



Mike O'Hare just "taps it in" during a match.



Josh Chermack watches as his ball rolls in.

Top Freshman Co-MVP



Mike Weiland

Varsity Sportsmanship



Martin Melin

JV Sportsmanship



Drew Steuer

Most Improved



Josh Chermack

Top Senior Co-MVP L-Club



John Huseman

Top Junior



Myles Basso

Top Sophomore



Nick Hudacin

GIRLS

T E N N I S

"It was not one of our greatest years, but I think we came out of it alright and learned a lot from each other." This quote from junior Amy Comstock pretty much sums up the girls' tennis season for this year. Having lost four key players from the year before, there were a lot of new faces stepping up to the Varsity level. This includes freshman Katie Hughes, who played very well at Varsity singles. "the difficult part this year was getting used to the more intense level of play and pressure that is a part of it," says junior Natalie Bruce. Although the team didn't make it all that far in the season, the number one doubles team of Kate Sciackitano and Mary Taylor advanced farther. The whole team showed tremendous support and they are looking to improve next year.

Right:
Number one
doubles player
Kate
Sciackitano



Right Center:
Jenny Dowling



Far Right:
Number one
doubles player
Mary Taylor
takes an easy
forehand.



The girls cheer
for each other
in the team
line-up.



Ashley Boyer warming up



Sandy Schest & Kate Sciacitano show their enthusiasm at a meet



The girls get pumped up for the match by huddling together on the court. Co-captains Taylor and Sciacitano were known for making the girls laugh to de-stress before a match.



Far Left: Freshman and Varsity singles player Katie Hughes gets ready to take a swing at the ball.

Left Center: Natalie Bruce warming up

Left: Number one singles and senior Sarah Martin drops her racket for a volley.

Co-MVP
Best
Record



Kate Sciacitano

Most
Improved



Sandy Schest

Co-MVP
Best
Record
L-Club



Mary Taylor

Sportsmanship



Katie Hughes

JV Player
of the
Year



Jessica Blandford

Mental
Attitude



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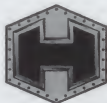
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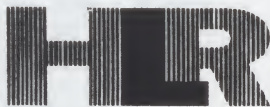
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They're like nails hammered home,
holding life together.
They are given by God, the one Shepherd.
Ecclesiastes 12:11 (The Message)


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Nick

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You're one special guy. You will be my little
shepherd always.

Love you Na-Ne

Anna, Thank You for bringing so much joy and
love into our lives. We are so proud of you.
Love You!

Mom, Dad,
Becki, Robert,
Sarah, David and Eric.



Justin-

The years flew by. Now it's time for your
future to take flight. We wish you every
happiness and success in realizing your
dreams.

All our love to you!

Mom, Jacob & Ben



Congratulations Nick!

Open your heart and mind to a future of
endless possibilities. We are so proud of
you and all of your accomplishments.

With all our love,
Your Family

A Daughter's Gift

By Robert Sexton

When I imagine
the life you will live,
I think of the pleasure
your presence will give.

I see the joy your smile will light
and the wonders you'll weave
when your dreams take flight.

I feel the hope
that will grow with your grace
and the difference you'll make
to each heart you embrace.

I imagine your life
as I know it will be;
for, my daughter, you've given
all this to me.



Kristin,
To your great future!
With all our love,
Dad & Mom

Congratulations Nathan,
You have brought love and joy into our
lives. We are very proud of you. May you
soar among the clouds.

Love Mom & Dad



Jennifer,
You will always be our little cowgirl.
Congratulations on your graduation
from high school. We are so very proud of you,
and we are still working on winning that lottery
so we can get you that horse!
All our love,
Mom & Dad



I'm so proud of you Rachel!
May you always be happy, healthy, and loved,
and never forget your way home!
I love you Angel baby!
Mom



Chris-
Keep your passion for life strong,

Love,
Mom and Dad



Dustin
Congratulations!!
I'm very proud of
you.
Have fun in college.

Love, Mom

Natasha,
Being your parents has
taught us so much. May
today and every day of your
life bring you fresh hopes for
tomorrow. Our advice to
you:
Enjoy Life - Laugh Alot
Never forget how proud we
are.
Love, Mom & Dad



Matthew,
We are so proud of
you! Thank you for
being such a great
kid!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Nick

Gena,
Good luck, Gena, in
everything you do.
You have been blessed.
Love,
Dad, Mom
&
Erica





Congratulations McKensy!
We wish you the very best
for your future. We're so
proud of you, and the young
lady that you've become,
you have brought us so
much joy and love into our
lives.
Love,
Mom and Dad



Robert,
Congratulations-
You did it.
Love you,
Mom, Dad
& Brandon



Ashley-
Change is life giving.
It will help you grow into someone
greater than you already are.
Congratulations!!!

Love always,
Mom & Dad



Tina,
You still light up a room with your smile.
I am proud of you!
Love,
Mom

Justin -
"Once a Devil, Always a
Devil!"
We are very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad
Kevin & Alex



Kristen,
You are such a joy and
blessing to us!
We are so proud of the
beautiful young woman you
have become. We wish you
success and happiness and
for God to bless you all the
way.
We love you,
Mom & Jerry



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Kindergarten**

**To

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School**

Michael,

I am so very proud of you.

**You are about to embark on the most
wonderful**

**journey and you deserve every
happiness life has to**

offer.

**You are loved more than you'll ever
know.**

Love,

Mom





Mindy -
Follow the dream God has placed in your
heart and He will guide you every step of the
way.

We love you and are very proud of you.

Mom & Dad
Proverbs 3:5-6



Mollie -
You've done a great job
so far. I know even
greater things are in your
future.
Love,
Mom
Emily & Leslie



**Niccle,
Congratulations -
you can do
anything you
want!!
Reach for the Stars!
All our love,
Your Family**



Congratulations Kim, our
German Daughter!
It's been a fun year. Thanks
for enriching our lives!
May life bring you all you
wish- and many trips back
to us.
Love, "Mom & Dad"
Phebe & Lyle



Congratulations Phebe!
All dressed up and many
places to go. We're proud of
the beautiful person you have
become. May you continue
going places that enrich your
life.

Love, Mom & Dad,
Lyle, Kim



Amber -
You are our gift from God. Once an
innocent child, now a beautiful,
inspiring young woman.
Amber it is time to write your history.
Take the world by storm!
Our unending Love,
Mom, Dad,
& Sylvia





Anthony Lee -

From your first day of
kindergarten to your last
days of high school, you have
made me proud.
Follow your dreams.
Reach for the stars.
Smile & be happy!

We Love You!!

Mom
Michael & Brandon



Brooke -

Baby, you are a class act!...
We are proud of all your accomplishments.
Love, Mom & Dad



Toni -

From babyhood to adulthood, you have
made us proud.
Follow your dreams.
Love, Mom, Dad, James & Danny

"The shell must break before the bird can fly."



Mackenzie, it's your time to fly.
You're ready,
go out in the world, spread your wings
and soar.
We believe in you.

With much love and pride,
Dad, Mom and Logan

Shana,
We are so very
proud of the
young lady you
have become!
Remember that
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The United States heightens the war on terrorism by initiating a "shock and awe" campaign that liberates the Iraqis from former leader Saddam Hussein's regime. Further military actions resulted in the death of his sons Qdai and Qusai and the celebrated capture of Hussein himself.



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon promises to relocate 17 Gaza Strip settlements.



Iranian Shirin Ebadi receives the Nobel Peace Prize for her humanitarian efforts.



Nine months after she was abducted, Elizabeth Smart is found alive in Utah.



Architect Michael Asad's design, "Reflecting Absence," is selected for the World Trade Center memorial.



Eleven Russian coal miners are rescued after being trapped 2,625 feet below ground for six days.



Astronomers discover M4, the oldest known planet, estimated to be 12.7 billion years old.



While serving in Iraq, more than 500 American troops are killed and more than 3,000 are wounded.



Californians voice disapproval of Gray Davis by voting Arnold Schwarzenegger governor in a recall election. Wife Maria Shriver resigned her seven-figure position with NBC News.



China, Taiwan and Canada are hit hardest by the deadly SARS virus. SARS killed more than 900 people and infected thousands worldwide. In an attempt to isolate the virus, breathing masks were worn, travelers were screened for symptoms and patients were quarantined.



Europeans endure one month of temperatures that soar above 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The record-breaking heatwave killed more than 19,000 people, withered crops, sparked wildfires, caused power outages and melted Alpine glaciers.



U.S. President George W. Bush is criticized for issuing an assault on Iraq based on data that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was harboring weapons of mass destruction. No weapons were found and the misinformation was said to have been an "intelligence failure."



Martha Stewart is convicted on multiple charges related to her sale of ImClone stock.



The United States Federal Reserve enters a colorful \$20 bill into circulation.



The "Protect Act of 2003" urges states to administer the Amber Alert system.



Gary Ridgway, known as the Green River killer, admits that he murdered 48 women in Washington state.



Pope John Paul II celebrates his 25th anniversary as pope. Despite the debilitating affects of Parkinson's disease the 83-year-old pontiff presided over an anniversary Mass that drew tens of thousands of people to St. Peter's Square, Vatican City.



The Homeland Security Department requires armed law enforcement officers on certain international flights.



Gyude Bryant becomes the leader of Liberia's postwar government. Former leader Charles Taylor was exiled.



Three capitol buildings close for cleanup when ricin is found in Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's mailroom.



A Washington state cow is the first U.S. bovine to contract mad cow disease.



Political commentator Rush Limbaugh seeks rehab for his addiction to painkillers



A Staten Island ferry crashes into a pier killing 10 and injuring 42 people.



Iranian conjoined twins Ladan and Laleh Bijani die following separation surgery.



Mars comes within 35 million miles of earth, the closest encounter in 50,000 years.



Months after the 14-year-old Galileo spacecraft is vaporized in Jupiter's atmosphere, NASA debates the risk of repairing the Hubble Space Telescope or destroying it.



Roy Horn of Sigfried & Roy is severely injured when his white tiger Montecore grabs him by the neck and drags him backstage during a Las Vegas performance.



Southern California wildfires char 600,000 acres of land and thousands of homes.



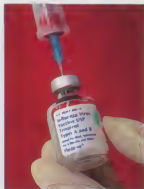
U.S. Customs officials begin scanning the fingerprints of foreign visitors and immigrants.

A major power outage simultaneously cripples cities in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario, Canada.





U.S. Senator John Kerry, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, U.S. Senator John Edwards and Civil Rights Activist Al Sharpton campaign for the Democratic ticket in the 2004 Presidential Race against Republican President George W. Bush. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader also announced his candidacy as an Independent.



Americans are injected with more than 83 million flu vaccines in defense of the perilous 'super flu' epidemic.



Taiwan's 1,674 foot Taipei Tower surpasses Malaysia's Petronas Towers, becoming the world's tallest building.



Following months of rebel opposition, Italian President Jean-Bertrand Prodi is forced to flee his country.



Hurricane Isabel causes four deaths, flash flooding and massive power outages in six East Coast states.



Measuring 1,132 feet long, 236 feet high and valued at \$800 million, the Queen Mary II is the world's largest and most expensive passenger ship.



Scientists debate whether a 40-foot wide, gelatinous sea specimen found on the coast of Chile is decomposing whale tissue or part of the rare *Octopus Giganteus*.



Following two years of opposition, Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Foreign Minister Yashwant Sinha agree to engage in dialogues aimed at resolving their long-term dispute over the Kashmir region.



Kill Devil Hills, NC celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first manned and powered flight. Attempts to re-enact the flight failed because of unfavorable conditions.



Air Force pilot Yang Liwei mans China's first human space mission.



More than 28,000 people die when a magnitude 6.6 earthquake rocks Bam, Iran.

Funny man Bob Hope, dies at 100. Hope's comic career brought laughter to American citizens and troops for more than 60 years.



The new Oklahoma City federal building was opened.

Canada's 3,000-year-old Ward Hunt ice Shelf split in two.

The remains of Laci Peterson and child were found and husband, Scott, was indicted for the murders.

President Bush called for a lunar space station to be created by 2020.

A magnitude 8.0 earthquake rocked Japan and forced 41,000 people to evacuate Hokkaido island.

Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore was removed from office for refusing to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the State Supreme Court building.

A bird flu outbreak caused countries to ban the importation of U.S. chicken.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ignited a national controversy when it ruled against a state ban on same gender marriages.

Veteran broadcaster David Brinkley and U.S. Senator Strom Thurmond died.



"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" starring Elijah Wood and Sean Astin is this year's biggest box office hit earning more than \$925 million. "Rings" received four Golden Globes and 11 Academy Awards, including Best Picture.



"Everybody Loves Raymond" collects four Emmys including Outstanding Comedy Series.



"Lost in Translation" and Bill Murray collect three Golden Globes and four Academy Award nominations.



Emmy winner and beloved star of "8 Simple Rules" John Ritter tragically dies at 54.



"Seabiscuit" starring Tobey Maguire earns seven Academy Award nominations including Best Picture.



After two seasons, Ashton Kutcher ends his MTV practical joke series "Punk'd."



"The Passion of the Christ" starring Jim Caviezel grosses \$117.5 million its first week.



Benjamin McKenzie stars in Fox's new hit drama series "The O.C."



Johnny Depp wins a SAG award and Oscar nomination for "Pirates of the Caribbean."



Following 10 successful seasons, Courteney Cox Arquette, Matthew Perry, Judd Apatow, David Schwimmer, Matt LeBlanc and Lisa Kudrow bid farewell to "Friends." The hit show picked up its third People's Choice Award for Favorite Comedy Series.



Lindsay Lohan stars in the remake of Disney's classic "Freaky Friday."



In the wake of their box office hit "Finding Nemo," Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney Company end their 12-year partnership. In addition, Disney rejected a takeover bid from cable giant Comcast and agreed to purchase Jim Henson Company's Muppets.



"Mystic River" star Sean Penn and "Monster's" Charlize Theron are awarded the Best Actor and Best Actress Academy Awards.



"Joan of Arcadia" starring Amber Tamblyn is the "People's Choice" for Favorite New TV Dramatic Series.

"The People" vote Tom Hanks their Favorite All-Time Entertainer.
 • ABC hosted a \$4 million wedding for "Bachelorette" couple Trista Rehn and Ryan Sutter.
 MTV and CBS were criticized following a controversial Super Bowl halftime performance by Janet Jackson.
 • Other Hot Movies: "E.T.," "Big Fish," "The Hulk," "Bruce Almighty," "Cold Mountain," "School of Rock," "Freddie vs. Jason," "The Matrix Revolutions," "The Last Samurai" and "American Wedding."
 • Other Hot TV Shows: "CSI," "Fear Factor," "American Idol," "Survivor," "Will and Grace," "Six Feet Under" and "The Apprentice."
 • Legendary entertainers Gregory Peck, Buddy Ebsen, Charles Bronson, Katharine Hepburn, "Captain Kangaroo" Bob Keeshan and "Home Improvement's" Earl Hindman died.

MUSIC



Beyoncé Knowles wins five Grammys including Best R&B Song for "Crazy In Love" and Best Rap Collaboration with her boyfriend, rapper Jay-Z. Beyoncé also received three MTV Video Music Awards and starred in the movie "The Fighting Temptations."



Hillary Duff, star of "Lizzie McGuire," releases her first album "Metamorphosis."



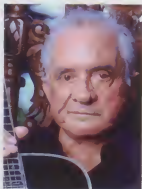
Americans celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Beatles' arrival in the United States.



Kenny Chesney tops the music charts with his album "When the Sun Goes Down."



Missy "Misdemeanor" Elliott receives a Grammy and two MTV Video Music Awards for her song "Work It."



Grammy winner Johnny Cash dies at 71. During his career, Cash was featured on more than 500 albums.



Britney Spears marks the year with a controversial kiss, a brief Vegas marriage and her new album "In the Zone."



MTV's "Newlyweds, Jessica and Nick" exposes the marriage of singers Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson.



OutKast's Big Boi and André 3000 claim three Grammy awards including Album of the Year and Best Rap Album for "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below."



Coldplay receives three MTV Music Awards and their single "Clocks" is named Record of the Year at the Grammy Awards. Lead singer Chris Martin married actress and mom-to-be Gwyneth Paltrow.



The Grammy for Best New Artist goes to rock group Evanescence.



Rapper 5 Cent collects two American Music Awards for "Get Rich or Die Trying."



Tenor Josh Groban's album "Closer" tops the Classical Billboard charts.



Ruben Studdard outshines Clay Aiken, becoming the second American Idol.



Justin Timberlake's album "Justified" is awarded two Grammys for Best Pop Vocal Album and Best Male Pop Vocal Performance. Justin also won an American Music Award for Favorite Album-Pop or Rock and three Video Music Awards.

• While touring in Europe heavy Metal singer Ozzy Osbourne was seriously injured in an ATV accident.

• Stroke survivor Luther Vandross won four Grammys including one for Best R&B Album and two American Music Awards.

• Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck call off their engagement ending the "Bennifer" frenzy.

• Michael Jackson is indicted on charges involving inappropriate behavior with minors.

• Prince Charles knighted Sir Mick Jagger in honor of "his services to popular music."

• Other names in music this year included Country superstar Toby Keith, 80s glam rockers The Darkness, Maroon 5, Yeah Yeah Yeahs and The Strokes.

• Notable musicians Warren Zevon, Robert Palmer, Barry White and Bobby Hatfield died.

TRENDS & Technology



Fast food menus change to accommodate the rising number of low-carb dieters.



The Aquada, a new boat/car can travel up to 30 mph in the water.



Justin Thymes sports a trendy "throwback" jersey and retro cap.



The United States' second Mars rover, Spirit, explores the Red Planet's terrain. Following 10 days of lost contact, Spirit continued to collect data, dig for soil samples and set a one-day distance record of 70 feet.



Thick-soled and fur-lined Ugg boots stomp their way from Hollywood fashion to everyday footwear.



Physically handicapped people can now travel virtually anywhere in the Independence iBOT 3000.



Carryalls take on a fresh new look with beaded handbags, mesh backpacks and vintage cigar box purses.



High definition, flat screen televisions and DVD recorders are the new wave in home entertainment.



Millions of Americans ban telemarketers from phoning by signing the "Do Not Call List."



Mandy Moore wears cute "girl curls" while guys sport shaggy cuts and close shaves.



Powerpuff Girls, Hello Kitty and Curious George are popular cartoon characters

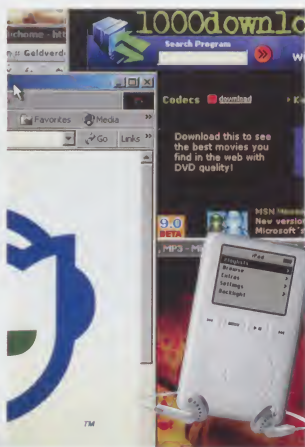


Online booking companies such as Orbitz and Expedia hurt travel agency sales.



The 80s styles make a comeback along with mini skirts, trucker caps, vintage t-shirts, distressed jeans, thick leather wrist bands, stiletto heels and a fascination with the mullet.

Sports Utility Vehicles outsell mini-vans becoming the new "family car." To compete with rising gas prices and smaller cars, automobile manufacturers developed the first hybrid SUVs.



Fines are issued to hundreds of illegal downloaders of music. Media sharing websites and the popularity of MP3 players are blamed for a 31 percent drop in CD sales.

TRENDS & TECHNOLOGY

The first major book printed in the west, the Gutenberg Bible, was digitized and placed online for archival and educational purposes.

Siemens' Virtual Keyboard uses a laser projection that enables users to type on any flat surface.

MasterCard created a "swipeless" credit card that emits radio signals.

Scientists developed a weed that changes color when it is grown over a landmine.

The "MyDoom" e-mail virus infected computers worldwide by installing a worm that crashed Microsoft Windows.

Scientists in South Korea clone the first human embryos for stem cell research.

Logitech created a digital pen that captures everything written or drawn and uploads the data to a computer via a USB cradle.



The New England Patriots win Super Bowl XXXVIII in an electrifying 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers. With four seconds remaining, the Patriots scored a field goal and claimed their second championship in three years. New England quarterback Tom Brady was Super Bowl MVP.



Carmelo Anthony and the Syracuse Orangemen win the NCAA Basketball Tournament.



On the final hole, Shaun Micheel claims his first win in 163 starts at the PGA Championship.



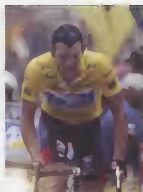
New Jersey Nets star Alonzo Mourning retires from the NBA to undergo a kidney transplant.



Laila Ali defends her IBA super middleweight title by defeating boxing great Christy Martin.



The UConn Huskies, led by Diana Taurasi, celebrate their second consecutive NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament victory after defeating the Tennessee Volunteers 73-68.



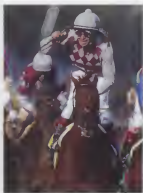
Lance Armstrong pedals to his fifth consecutive Tour De France title.



Justine Henin-Hardenne's eight tennis wins include the French and U.S. Opens.



Pro soccer team, D.C. United signs a four-year deal with 14-year-old Freddy Adu.



Jose Santos rides Funny Cide into the Kentucky Derby winner's circle.



Golfer Annika Sorenstam is voted A.P. Female Athlete of the Year.



Heavyweight boxing champ Lennox Lewis retires at 38, ending a 14-year career.



The Florida Marlins win the World Series in a seven-game match up with the New York Yankees. Marlins pitcher Josh Beckett was series MVP.

Dale Earnhardt, Jr. follows in his father's footsteps as he drives to his first Daytona 500 victory on Feb. 15. He took the lead from Tony Stewart with 20 laps to go. The late Dale Earnhardt, Sr. claimed the same title six years earlier on Feb. 15, 1998.





Kristine Lilly, Brandi Chastain and Mia Hamm celebrate a 3-1 U.S. victory over Canada in the FIFA Women's World Cup. The win earned the United States a Bronze Medal.



League MVP Tim Duncan leads the San Antonio Spurs to the NBA championship.



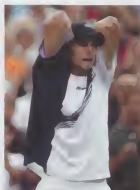
Alex Rodriguez signs with the New York Yankees and moves from shortstop to third base.



The New Jersey Devils earn their third Stanley Cup in nine seasons after defeating the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 4-3 in the seven game series.



Julie Krone becomes the first female jockey to win a Breeders' Cup race.



Andy Roddick defeats top-ranked Juan Carlos Ferrero in the U.S. Open Finals.



In the first tie since 1997, the USC Trojans and the USC Tigers share this year's National Football Championship. The Trojans were voted No. 1 by the Associated Press, while the Tigers got the top vote in the Coaches' Poll.



Surfer Bethany Hamilton returns to competition just 10 weeks after losing her left arm in a shark attack.



Fan favorite
John Daly won his first PGA tournament in nine years at the Buick Invitational.

Rice
University claimed the College World Series title.

Tennis great
Pete Sampras retired with a record 14 Grand Slam titles.

In game
four of the National League Championship Series, Chicago Cubs fan Steve Bartman deflected a foul ball as left fielder Moises Alou attempted the catch. Irate fans blamed Bartman for the Cubs' loss.

Chicago Cub
Sammy Sosa was ejected when an umpire discovered he was using an illegal bat.

Wakeboarding
phenom Dallas Friday, 16, wins a Summer X-Games Gold Medal.

Tug McGraw,
pitcher for the "Miracle Mets" and Phillies, died at 59. He was the father of country music star Tim McGraw.

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